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## **Governor Doug Ducey and Director Tim Jeffries Lead First-Ever Joint Town Hall**

*"I have the utmost confidence in the direction DES is headed – and the continued good it will do for the people of Arizona." ~ Governor Ducey*

**PHOENIX** – Governor Doug Ducey and Director Tim Jeffries held a joint town hall event today to address DES colleagues and show support for *Our NEW DES*. In front of a crowd of more than 500 staff, Governor Ducey expressed his appreciation for Director Jeffries and those who serve at the agency.

"I commend Director Jeffries for his compassionate leadership as head of the Department of Economic Security," said Governor Doug Ducey. "Our number one obligation – not only as public servants, but as human beings – is to care for our neighbors in need."

"It was an honor and a privilege to host Governor Ducey at *Our NEW DES* town hall meeting," said Director Jeffries. "I'd like to thank the Governor for coming today and supporting the wonderful work conducted by our DES colleagues on behalf of the citizens of Arizona."

The DES virtuous TRIAD of Agency Values is Teamwork, Respect, Integrity, Accountability, and Diversity. Per Director Jeffries, the work of the agency must consistently demonstrate these values every day, through interactions with the public and fellow colleagues, as the Department focuses on building the capacity of the people it serves.

"I believe Arizonans are refreshed to see the work you and your team at DES have been doing – not only to reform the agency, but to truly improve the lives of the citizens you serve," added Governor Ducey.

"For the majority of our treasured colleagues, this was the first time they had experienced a sitting Governor hosting a town hall," added Director Jeffries. "It was a special day for Governor Ducey to address and interact with colleagues. I thank him for his support of our *people first, people always* culture of kindness, excellence and accountability."

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