GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a woman receives a diagnosis of breast cancer every two minutes, making this disease the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in the United States, other than skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, by the end of 2014, approximately 4,520 new cases of invasive breast cancer are projected to occur among women in the State of Arizona, and about 780 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, through research and advocacy, significant advances have been made in the fight against breast cancer, including an increase in five-year relative survival rates for localized breast cancer from 74 percent to 98 percent; and

WHEREAS, more than 2.8 million breast cancer survivors living in the U.S. today are a testament to courage, as well as to the importance of promoting awareness about breast cancer, providing information, funding research, following recommended screening guidelines, and offering treatment to those who are affected; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of various organizations have made a major contribution to spreading breast cancer awareness to both women and men in all communities in this State through outreach, education and screening programs, and have empowered adults with the life-saving message of early detection and the importance of having regular screenings; and

WHEREAS, screening rates are declining and a recent study reveals that among women over the age of 40 with health insurance, less than 50 percent receive the recommended annual mammogram; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a month should be set apart each year for the attention of the community to be directed toward the importance of breast cancer education, research, screening, treatment and support for all those impacted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

and I further encourage citizens to make a renewed commitment to following recommended screening guidelines and for organizations and health practitioners to use this opportunity to promote awareness about breast cancer, proper breast health and encourage annual mammograms and screenings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Douglas A. Ducey

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-eighth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST: Michele Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE