

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, domestic violence is an issue affecting Americans in all communities, regardless of age, gender, economic status, race, religion, nationality, or educational background; and
WHEREAS, one in four women and one in seven men in the United States has experienced domestic violence – in Arizona that is more than 800,000 women and 480,000 men; and
WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has estimated that 20 people per minute are victims of domestic violence; and
WHEREAS, intimate partner violence is very prevalent on college campuses, with estimates of dating violence ranging from 10 to 50 percent; and
WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence are often prevented from getting or keeping jobs by their abusers, and many victims who leave their abusers face poverty, unemployment, homelessness and even death at the hands of abusers as a result of leaving; and
WHEREAS, there were at least 107 domestic violence related deaths in Arizona in 2015; and
WHEREAS, in just one day Arizona’s domestic violence programs last year served 1,652 survivors; and
WHEREAS, stopping domestic violence requires uncompromised accountability of offenders; and
WHEREAS, enhanced education, prevention, and intervention efforts will increase public awareness, mobilize community action, and confront the abuse of power and control in interpersonal relationships.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage all citizens of Arizona to engage in the Lighting Arizona Purple Campaign, a statewide domestic violence awareness initiative, and call upon our citizens to dedicate themselves to ending all forms of violence and abuse in relationships. Working together, taking a stand, “IT CAN STOP.”

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-third 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:

Michelle Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE

