

Douglas A. Ducey  
Governor

# Office of the Governor

**\* ARIZONA HUNGER ACTION MONTH \***

**WHEREAS**, 1.2 million Arizonans, or one in every five, live in poverty and are at-risk for going without food; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly one in three Arizona children live in poverty-stricken families and may not know where their next meal is coming from; and

**WHEREAS**, food banking began in Arizona with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, the world's first food bank and a member of Feeding America; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona food banks work collaboratively to provide more than 124 million pounds of food across Arizona in 2014 - 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona food banks serve as the "grocery store" for more than 1,200 other food banks, community centers, churches, domestic violence shelters, soup kitchens, churches and other non-profit agencies throughout Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona recognizes the individuals and groups who donate their time, money, and food to help their neighbors in need; and

**WHEREAS**, food banks in Arizona are creating special opportunities throughout the month of September to bring awareness and attention to encourage involvement in efforts to end hunger in their community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 2015 as**

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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-sixth day of August in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:

*Michelle Reagan*  
Secretary of State