

Douglas A. Ducey  
Governor

# Office of the Governor

**\* TEEN SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH \***

**WHEREAS**, the month of September 2015 is Teen Suicide Prevention Awareness Month; and  
**WHEREAS**, Arizona ranks 18<sup>th</sup> in the nation for suicides among children and adolescents; and  
**WHEREAS**, suicide was the second leading cause of death for Arizona teens ages 15 to 18; and  
**WHEREAS**, suicide is the fourth leading cause of death for Arizona children ages 10 to 14; and  
**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that more than 10,000 teens attempted suicide and 42 teens died by suicide in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the start of the school year and the end of the school year have the highest number of suicides by teens in Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, several organizations, including the Arizona Department of Health Services; Teen Lifeline; A New Leaf; BANNER Health Care; Crisis Response Network; La Frontera – EMPACT SPC; Maricopa County Attorney's Office; 1N10; GLSEN, Touchstone Behavioral Health; American Foundation for Suicide Prevention; and Tumbleweed/SafePlace conduct promotional activities to explain the higher incidence of youth suicide at the beginning of the school year, and highlight prevention and support services that are available.

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

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and urge all citizens to join together as a community to support youth and teens, and learn the signs and how to respond if you suspect someone may be depressed, threatening suicide or suicidal.

**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 first day of September 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