GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, President George Washington, at the request of Congress, proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1789, as "a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God"; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln, in 1863, proclaimed the last Thursday of November as the annual date for the national Thanksgiving Day; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona designated its motto as *Ditat Deus* — God Enriches, acknowledging the blessings of God; and

WHEREAS, each Thanksgiving Day, Arizonans come together to with family and friends to enjoy a traditional feast of roasted turkey and pumpkin pie that symbolizes the many blessings in our lives; and

WHEREAS, Sun Devils and Wildcats gather in comradery before our rivalries are settled on the field; and

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving is an opportunity to join in a spirit of thankfulness for one another, to serve others and to share our bounty with those in need; and

WHEREAS, as Arizonans, we pause to acknowledge and appreciate our good fortune as American citizens and residents of this great State and are mindful of the heroic men and women, and their families, serving in our Armed Forces.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do proclaim November 24, 2016, as

THANKSGIVING DAY

and I further encourage all citizens to pray or reflect and give thanks for the rich blessings of our State and our Nation.

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-second day of November 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