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, on December 26, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt signed a joint resolution of Congress changing the national Thanksgiving Day from the last Thursday in November to the fourth Thursday.

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona designated its motto as *Ditat Deus* - God Enriches, which acknowledges the blessings of God; and

WHEREAS, on Thanksgiving Day, Arizonans and all Americans come together to enjoy the fellowship of family and friends with a feast that symbolizes the many blessings in our lives; and

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving is a time to gather in a spirit of gratitude with one another, and it is also an opportunity to serve others and to share our prosperities with those in need; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do proclaim November 26, 2015, 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-third day of November in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST: Michele Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE