

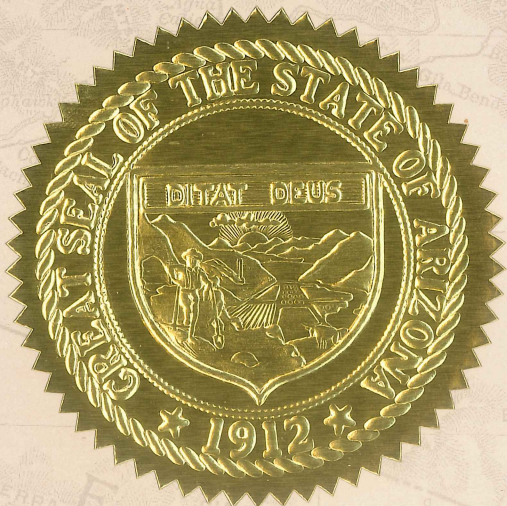
GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic has taken a devastating toll on our nation and state; and
WHEREAS, more than two Arizonans die from an opioid overdose per day; and
WHEREAS, since June 15, 2017, Arizona has seen over 11,000 suspected opioid overdoses, of which more than 1,700 of possible opioid overdoses were fatal; and
WHEREAS, prescription and illicit opioid abuse can affect anyone regardless of race, gender, age, and socioeconomic class; and
WHEREAS, the State of Arizona has taken serious steps to address the opioid epidemic through the unanimous, bipartisan passage of the Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act, which includes provisions to limit the first-fill of an opioid prescription to five days for most new patients, limit dosage levels to align with federal prescribing guidelines, improve access to treatment for uninsured and underinsured Arizonans by providing an additional \$10 million for treatment, enhance continuing medical education, enact a Good Samaritan law, and expand access to Naloxone; and
WHEREAS, the State of Arizona remains committed to holding bad actors accountable and providing resources to our medical professionals, law enforcement, and treatment providers, while showing compassion to those struggling with addiction and protecting those suffering from chronic pain.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 16 through September 22, 2018 as

PRESCRIPTION OPIOID AND HEROIN EPIDEMIC AWARENESS WEEK

and encourage all Arizonans to learn more about the dangers of prescription and illicit opioid abuse.



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 seventeenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Third.

ATTEST:

Michelle Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE