GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, suicide is a major public health issue that requires vigilant attention and preventative action with over 1,438 deaths by suicide recorded in Arizona, which is approximately one life lost every six hours during 2020; and

WHEREAS, each death by suicide directly impacts approximately 236 lives including, but not limited to, family members, friends, loved ones, and by extension the entire community; and

WHEREAS, according to the most recent report conducted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the second leading cause of death in ages 10-34; and

WHEREAS, no single suicide prevention effort will be sufficient or appropriate for all populations or communities; all are asked to join together and take a stand to help those who are contemplating suicide; and

WHEREAS, September 6th through 12th is recognized across the United States as National Suicide Prevention Week and provides the opportunity to educate oneself about warning signs and how best to help those most in need because it is the most preventable cause of death.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 6 - 12, 2020, as

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK

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 Twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fifth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE