WHEREAS, experts can agree that nutritional status is a direct measure of an individual’s health, and that good nutrition can keep people healthy and out of health care institutions; and

WHEREAS, malnutrition is a serious condition that happens when your diet does not contain the right amount of nutrients; and

WHEREAS, illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact good patient health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; and

WHEREAS, there are various forms of malnutrition with over two million hospital stays involving at least one form of malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, each day, approximately 15,000 hospital patients with malnutrition go undiagnosed, however those diagnosed have two times longer hospital stays compared to patients with no malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, malnutrition can lead to complications including falls and readmissions, and can play a role in cognitive deterioration, decreased functional capacity and affecting quality of life; and

WHEREAS, screening, assessment, diagnosis and intervention are key to helping improve malnutrition in the United States and the State of Arizona.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 4 – 8, 2021 as

MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

[Signature]
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Seventeenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-One, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Sixth.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
SECRETARY OF STATE