

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, experts agree that nutrition 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, inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, is prevalent in many vulnerable populations such as hospitalized patients, with older adults having the highest rate of malnutrition compared to other groups; 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, 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 September 19 – 23, 2022 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

GOVERNOR

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

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE