WHEREAS, good nutrition can keep people healthy and promote longevity; and
WHEREAS, inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, is prevalent in many
groups, including vulnerable populations such as hospitalized patients and under-resourced
communities; and
WHEREAS, older adults are at heightened risk of malnutrition; and
WHEREAS, malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass and lead to complications that
impact health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; and
WHEREAS, nutrition is a human right and a Social Determinant of Health, and risk of malnutrition
is intensified by socioeconomic disparities, racial and ethnic inequities, and social isolation, and is
further compounded by food insecurity; and
WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Health Services serves Arizonans by providing public health
and environmental protection services that promote healthy people and identifying and
responding to emerging issues affecting Arizona’s public and environmental health.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim
September 18 - 22, 2023 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 eleventh day of September
in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three, and of the
Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred
and Forty-Eighth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE