

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, falls have continued to be the leading cause of unintentional injury-related hospitalizations, emergency department visits, and deaths among those Arizonans 65 and older with 973 deaths in 2016; and

WHEREAS, last year, more than 14,000 older adults were hospitalized, and there were nearly 43,000 emergency department visits among those 65 and older; and

WHEREAS, unintentional falls resulted in approximately 6 days of hospital stay, and over \$1.2 billion in medical costs; and

WHEREAS, falling is NOT an inevitable result of aging; and

WHEREAS, all of us have the power to reduce the risk of falling.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 2017 as

FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

in Arizona and urge all older adults, family members and caregivers, health care providers, fire and medical departments, first responders and community partners to join the Arizona Falls Prevention Coalition (AFPC) and its regional chapters and routinely assess older adults, including our veterans and those with disabilities, for fall risks and celebrate “10 Years Standing Together to Prevent Falls.”



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 eighteenth day of August in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Second.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE