

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2017, Arizona's Department of Child Safety received over 48,182 reports involving alleged maltreatment of children; and

WHEREAS, children thrive in family environments free from abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is an important societal concern that may affect the long-term health and well-being of not only the children, but also the adults they become; and

WHEREAS, safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and communities can break the cycle of abuse and maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, parenting is one of the most challenging and most important jobs in America. Everyone has a stake in ensuring that parents and caretakers have resources and supports they need to become successful; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention requires partnerships among government agencies, faith-based and community-based organizations, schools, law enforcement agencies, social service organizations, and families; and

WHEREAS, prevention works! Everyone can be involved in child abuse prevention by supporting local agencies and activities that provide opportunities and supports to families in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

and call upon the communities and individual citizens of Arizona to participate in efforts to strengthen families, protect children, and prevent child abuse and neglect.



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 seventh day of March in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Second.

ATTEST:

Michelle Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE