

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, domestic violence is an issue affecting Arizonans in all communities, regardless of age, race, gender, socio-economic status, religion, nationality, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, more than 12 million women and men are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States every year; and

WHEREAS, one in four women and one in ten men have experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence accounts for 21 percent of all violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, 30 percent of children exposed to intimate partner violence had their first exposure before the age of two, and an additional 26 percent had their first exposure between the ages of two and seven; and

WHEREAS, witnessing violence in the home during childhood is an Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE), which without proper support may lead to a greater risk of negative lasting negative effects on health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence are more likely to experience short and long-term impacts, such as post-traumatic stress disorder, injury, chronic illnesses, pain, poor physical health and mental health; and

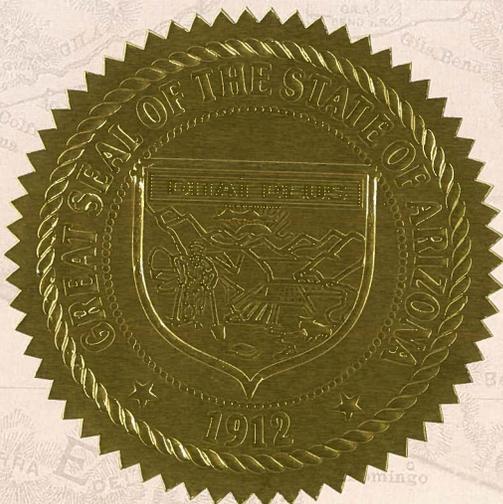
WHEREAS, promoting healthy, respectful, nonviolent relationships can help reduce the occurrence of intimate partner violence, support survivors, and lessen short and long-term harm on individuals, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides the opportunity to enhance education, prevention, and intervention efforts around domestic violence, and support organizations and individuals who provide advocacy efforts, services, and assistance to victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

and call upon all government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, colleges, schools, parents, and citizens in the state of Arizona to support domestic violence survivors, and take a stand against all forms of violence and abuse in relationships by joining the #LightingAZPurple campaign, visiting ItCanStop.AZ.gov, and expanding efforts to #EndDVinAZ.



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 fourth day of August in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Seventh.

ATTEST:

[Signature]

SECRETARY OF STATE