

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our communities and have widespread physical and mental health implications; and

WHEREAS, statistics show nearly one in two women and nearly one in four men have been victims of contact sexual violence at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities are 2.5 times more likely to be violently victimized; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Public Safety indicates that 3,201 rapes were reported to police in 2018; and

WHEREAS, 63 percent of violent crimes are not reported to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the immediate physical and emotional costs to victims, sexual assault can lead to long-term, devastating health effects, including post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, depression, homelessness, eating disorders, and suicide; and

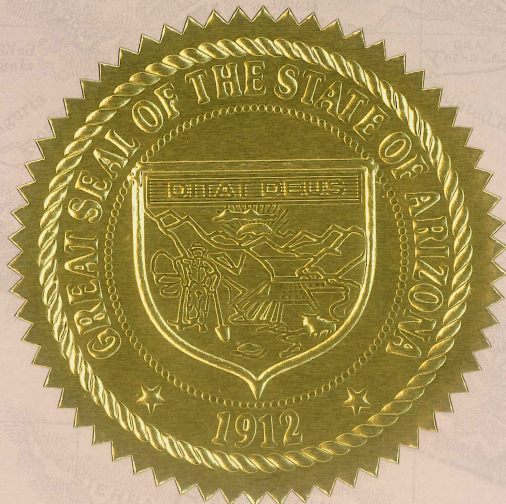
WHEREAS, through prevention education, awareness efforts, a strong continuum of victim services, and holding perpetrators responsible for their actions, we can work together to better address sexual violence and create safer communities for all Arizonans; and

WHEREAS, through collaborative efforts, individuals, agencies, organizations, and communities can work together to prevent sexual assault and support victims and survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools, and colleges in the state of Arizona to join together and raise awareness about sexual assault, provide support for survivors, and strive to achieve a state where sexual assault victims have a clear path to justice, and our communities, families, and children are protected.



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 twenty-sixth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fourth.

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE