

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

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 over 18,000 falls reported to the Arizona State Trauma Registry (ASTR); and

WHEREAS, 38 percent of fatal falls suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of emergency room visits and hospitalization for unintentional falls in 2018 exceeded \$1.5 billion; and

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

WHEREAS, all of us have the resources and support to reduce the risk of falling.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 2019 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.

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 fifth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fourth.

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

