

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and
WHEREAS, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology, including cell phones and social media; and
WHEREAS, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents every year; and
WHEREAS, thousands of Arizona children and adolescents are affected by bullying every year; and
WHEREAS, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and
WHEREAS, children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and
WHEREAS, children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful, and intimidated.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as

BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

and I further encourage all Arizona schools, students, parents, community and faith-based organizations to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all children and adolescents.

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 twelfth day of August in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

Michelle Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE