

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA  
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PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, access to college contributes to a strong and resilient workforce that is able to fill the jobs of the future and adapt to changing economic conditions; and  
**WHEREAS**, more than 68 percent of Arizona's future jobs will require some form of post-secondary education by 2018; and  
**WHEREAS**, the state's goal is to see at least 60 percent of Arizona adults hold a post-secondary degree or credential by 2030; and  
**WHEREAS**, achieving that goal will require expanded statewide awareness of the necessary steps to prepare, apply, and pay for college; and  
**WHEREAS**, student financial aid programs such as the federal Pell grant program provide access to educational opportunities for hundreds of thousands of Arizona students each year; and  
**WHEREAS**, eligibility for grants and loans from federal, state and institutional resources require completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); and  
**WHEREAS**, in 2016, and each year thereafter, students can file a FAFSA as early as October 1<sup>st</sup>; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Arizona College Goal FAFSA campaign is a statewide initiative designed to increase the number of students who complete the FAFSA, offering more than 50 workshops at participating high schools, post-secondary institutions, and community sites around the State beginning in October 2016; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Arizona College Goal FAFSA campaign is administered by the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education (ACPE) and supported in partnership with the Arizona Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (AASFAA), professional staff from Arizona's postsecondary institutions of higher education, and participating Arizona high schools; and  
**WHEREAS**, the ACPE, AASFAA, volunteers from community access organizations and higher education professionals from Arizona's postsecondary institutions are dedicated to providing help in completing the FAFSA, improving awareness about financial aid resources, and increasing understanding of the application process among students, parents, and adults.  
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as

**EARLY FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS MONTH**

and urge all Arizonans to take full advantage of the college preparation and planning resources available in their communities.

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 sixteenth day of September 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

