

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder is a neurological and developmental disorder that affects communication and behavior; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of autism may present themselves in a variety of combinations, and can result in significant lifelong impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal and nonverbal communication; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 1 in 59 school-aged children have been identified with autism spectrum disorder; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is committed to ensuring that people living with autism have access to lifelong care and services needed to pursue their full potential and happiness; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is honored to take part in the annual observance of Autism Awareness Month and World Autism Awareness Day in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder.

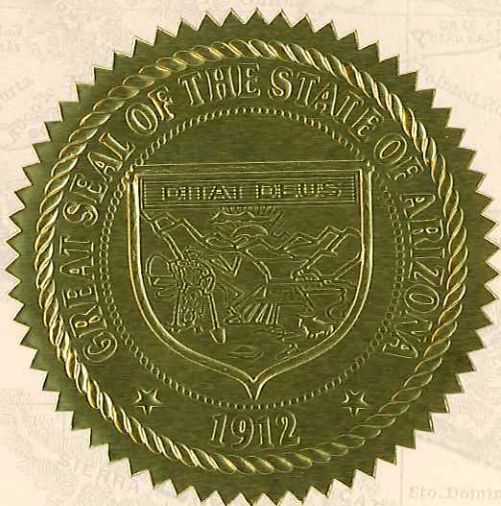
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

and April 2, 2020, as

WORLD AUTISM DAY

and call upon the people of Arizona to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to support this year's Autism Awareness Month and World Autism Awareness Day observances; and join Southwest Autism Center of Excellence in their mission to provide families faced with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) with whole health care.



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:

[Signature]
SECRETARY OF STATE