

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Anaphylaxis is a sudden, severe allergic reaction involving major organs in the body simultaneously. In severely allergic individuals it can cause death in a matter of minutes

WHEREAS, as many as 15 million Americans have food allergies; nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the prevalence of food allergy is increasing among children; and

WHEREAS, teenagers and young adults with food allergies are at the highest risk of fatal food-induced anaphylaxis; and

WHEREAS, eight foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the United States: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of a food-allergic reaction can include hives, flushed skin or rash, tingling or itchy sensation in the mouth, face, tongue, or lip swelling, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, and swelling of the throat; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each year in the United States, anaphylaxis to food results in 200,000 ambulatory care visits a year involving children under 18; and

WHEREAS, every 3 minutes a food allergy reaction sends someone to the emergency department and every 6 minutes the reaction is one of anaphylaxis; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for food allergies. Strict avoidance of food allergens and early recognition and management of allergic reactions to food are important measures to prevent serious health consequences; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as

FOOD ALLERGY AND ANAPHYLAXIS AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage the residents of Arizona to increase their understanding and awareness of food allergies and anaphylaxis.



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-eighth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

Michelle Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE