

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, extreme heat is the leading weather-related cause of death in the State of Arizona, and a leading weather-related killer nationally; and

**WHEREAS**, extreme heat is more likely to cause serious impacts, including life-threatening conditions, among vulnerable populations including children, older adults, pregnant women, people with chronic illnesses, the unhoused and those who otherwise lack refuge from the heat, those who work outside, take part in outdoor activities; and

**WHEREAS**, extreme heat poses challenges to public health, quality of life, energy efficiency, and economic vitality across the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the climate of Arizona is characterized by prolonged periods of extreme heat that impact many parts of the State, and have been increasing in severity; and

**WHEREAS**, any Arizona resident or visitor can be susceptible to heat-related illness; and

**WHEREAS**, I have prioritized preparedness and protection from extreme heat with the publication of Arizona's first Extreme Heat Preparedness Plan and the establishment of the nation's first state-level Chief Heat Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, my Administration continues to act to protect Arizonans most at-risk of heat-related illness by developing six new, solar-powered, mobile cooling units, establishing a state-level cooling center coordinator position, and incentivizing state employees to staff cooling centers during heat season; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service Offices have joined with the National Park Service, the National Integrated Heat Health Information System, the Arizona Department of Health Services, the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, Maricopa County Department of Public Health, Pima County, Yuma County Public Health Services District, the City of Phoenix Heat Response and Mitigation Office, Arizona State University, the University of Arizona, the UA Southwest Center for Climate Change and Health (SCORCH), and the Arizona State Climatologist, to raise awareness of extreme heat as a significant public health hazard in Arizona and garner increased investment in initiatives that can reduce the adverse effects of heat.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 6 -10, 2024 as

## ARIZONA HEAT AWARENESS WEEK

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 twenty-ninth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Eighth.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

