

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, falls have become the leading cause of unintentional injury in Arizona with the largest rate occurring among age 64 and older; and
WHEREAS, 1 in 3 older adults will fall, and more than 5,500 older Arizonans were hospitalized for a hip fracture (nearly half of all fall-related hospitalizations); and
WHEREAS, falls are the leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths among those 65 and older, injury-related hospitalizations and emergency department visits among older adults; and
WHEREAS, falling is NOT an inevitable result of aging; and
WHEREAS, all of us have the power to reduce the risk of falling.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 2016 as

FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

in Arizona and urge all older adults, family members and caregivers, health care providers, fire and medical departments, first responders and concerned citizens to join the Arizona Falls Prevention Coalition in raising awareness of falls prevention and working together to reduce falls through increased physical activity, and community partnerships to promote Falls Free Arizona.

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 eighth 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