

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor

Office of the Governor

*** ARIZONA RECOVERY MONTH ***

WHEREAS, in 2014, there were 63,452 people enrolled in Arizona's public behavioral health system for substance abuse treatment according to the *2014 Annual Report on Substance Abuse Treatment Programs*; and

WHEREAS, all Arizona residents should be able to access high quality prevention, support, rehabilitation and treatment services that have resiliency and recovery principles at their core; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, 2.5 million people aged 12 or older received substance use treatment at a specialty facility and 34.6 million adults aged 18 or older received mental health services, according to the *2013 National Survey on Drug Use and Health*. Given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must continue to reach the people who need help; and

WHEREAS, research shows that for every \$1.00 invested in prevention and early treatment programs, \$2.00 to \$10.00 could be saved in health costs, criminal and juvenile justice costs, and educational costs; and

WHEREAS, preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and/or substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, we understand that prevention of mental and/or substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people do recover, the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family invites all residents to Arizona to observe, support and participate in Collegiate Recovery Programs and all Recovery Month events being held during National Recovery Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 2015 as

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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-sixth day of August in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

