

State of Arizona



Legislative Proclamation

Honoring All Arizona Families and Businesses Who Sacrificed to Ensure the Care and Education of Children in their Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Whereas, the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has been a global health emergency that led to the widespread and unprecedented closure of schools and in-person learning; and

Whereas, school closures and other pandemic-related restrictions particularly affected working families; and

Whereas, the transition to home-based, online virtual K through 12 schooling during the closures disrupted their childcare arrangements and required at least one adult to remain at the home to focus on the children — helping them with schoolwork and supervising them all day; and

Whereas, this weighty responsibility often fell on parents, grandparents, and other family members, many of which were forced to cut back on work hours or leave their jobs entirely in order to provide care for their children; and

Whereas, many employers, whether they be large or small, stepped up to accommodate working family members by allowing flexibility in working schedules for them to ensure the care of their children and online schooling needs; and

Whereas, the pandemic's toll was felt in altered routines, absence of socialization, depleted personal finances, disturbed sleep and eating habits — all putting additional stress upon families, and impacting their physical and emotional well-being.

Whereas, parents, grandparents, and other family members, having adapted their households, juggled work responsibilities, children's schooling and other household needs are among the true unsung heroes of this crisis; and

Therefore, I, Representative Beverly Pingerelli, Republican, Legislative District 21, invite my fellow members of the Arizona House of Representatives to join in honoring and recognizing all parents, grandparents, and other family members who sacrificed and committed considerable time and energy during the COVID-19 pandemic into furthering the education of the children in their care, and expressing gratitude for the many businesses that afforded flexibility to employees who needed to care for and assist their children's home-based online learning needs during this unprecedented time.

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