

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics is committed to advocating and speaking up for all kids in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Strong Families AZ is dedicated to the well-being of families with young children and pregnant women; and

WHEREAS, poverty and child health are critical issues in Arizona, and there are children living in or near poverty, limiting their access to quality healthcare, basic resources, and healthy food options; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of a child's brain is developed by age five, childhood screenings can help detect developmental delays for early intervention, and parental involvement and early literacy are critically important to the overall health and well-being of a child, affecting early brain and child development and their future success; and

WHEREAS, quality of care and child safety laws and policies are developed to protect all children regardless of where they live, including newborn screening and pediatric disaster and emergency preparedness, we must work to decrease the 330 preventable child deaths reported in 2017 by the Arizona Child Fatality Review Program; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of all Arizonans to protect the children in our state, the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics is committed to improving the health and well-being of Arizona children and supporting the pediatric professionals who care for them; and

WHEREAS, Strong Families AZ provides comprehensive, family-centered home visiting services to help young children feel safe, secure, and loved, and develop the cognitive, emotional, physical, and social skills they need to succeed; and

WHEREAS, both the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and Strong Families AZ are committed to the ideal that all children deserve to be safe, healthy, and protected, and the power of the pediatric professional's voice can make a difference; together we need to Speak Up for Kids.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 19, 2019, as

ARIZONA SPEAK UP FOR KIDS DAY

and encourage all residents, communities, organizations, and institutions to participate in child advocacy efforts, be a voice for all Arizona children, and Speak Up for Kids.



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 eighteenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fourth.

ATTEST:

[Signature]

SECRETARY OF STATE