

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA  
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PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our communities and have widespread physical and mental health implications, including depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress, high blood pressure and sleep loss; and

**WHEREAS**, statistics show that every 68 seconds someone in the United States is sexually assaulted; and

**WHEREAS**, around one in three females and one in four males reported their first victimization occurred between the ages of 11 and 17; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with disabilities are four times more likely to be violently victimized and individuals 65 and older are seven times more likely to be violently victimized; and

**WHEREAS**, 63 percent of violent crimes are not reported to law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Department of Public Safety indicates that 2,838 rapes were reported to law enforcement in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of sexual assaults are not reported to police; and

**WHEREAS**, victim service providers, law enforcement agencies, medical providers, and court personnel across Arizona have made significant contributions to support victims and their families throughout the healing process; and

**WHEREAS**, expanding prevention education, increasing awareness, building a strong continuum of victim services, and holding perpetrators accountable, can create safer communities for all Arizonans.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as

**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

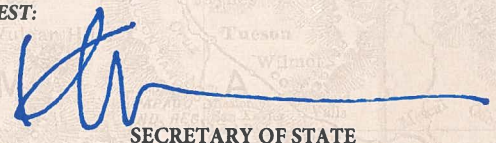
and encourage all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools, and colleges in the State of Arizona to join together and raise awareness about sexual assault, provide support for survivors, and strive to achieve a state where sexual assault victims have a clear path to justice, and our communities, families, and children are protected.

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 thirtieth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Sixth.

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

