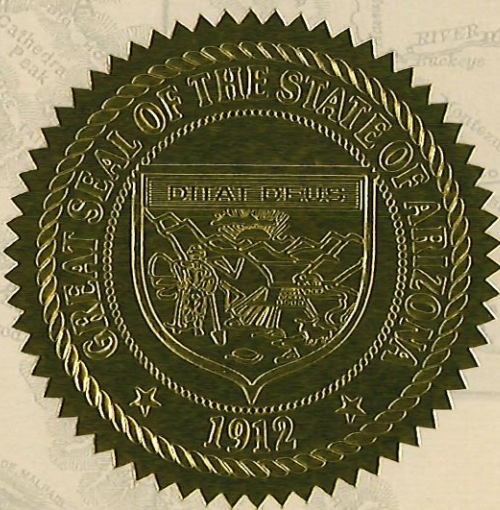


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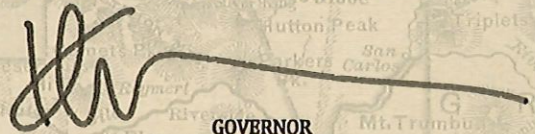
ARIZONA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, experts agree that nutrition status is a direct measure of health and that good nutrition can keep people healthy and out of healthcare institutions; and
WHEREAS, inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, is prevalent in many groups, including vulnerable populations such as hospitalized patients and minority populations, with older adults having the highest rate of malnutrition compared to other groups; and
WHEREAS, nutrition is a human right and a social determinant of health, and malnutrition is intensified by disparities, inequities, and social isolation and is further compounded by food insecurity; and
WHEREAS, each day, approximately 15,000 hospital patients with malnutrition go undiagnosed; and
WHEREAS, malnourished patients have two times longer hospital stays compared to patients with no malnutrition; and
WHEREAS, malnutrition leads to more complications, falls, and readmissions, plays a role in cognitive deterioration, decreases functional capacity, and affects quality of life.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim, September 14 - 18, 2026, as,

MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK



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 seventeenth day of August in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fifty-First.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE