

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, hepatitis A, B, and C are infections of the liver caused by the hepatitis A virus (HAV), hepatitis B virus (HBV) and the hepatitis C virus (HCV), respectively; and

WHEREAS, hepatitis B and hepatitis C can become a long-term chronic disease that can result in severe health problems such as cirrhosis or liver cancer; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 80,000 people in Arizona living with hepatitis C; and

WHEREAS, the rate of deaths related to hepatitis C are higher in Arizona than the United States overall; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1,000 hepatitis B cases are reported to the state every year; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends at-risk populations for HBV be screened for hepatitis B virus, including those born in countries where the virus is endemic in the population; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends all individuals over the age of 18 and pregnant women be screened for hepatitis C virus; and

WHEREAS, the CDC states that HDV infection should be considered in any person with a positive hepatitis B surface antigen who has severe symptoms of hepatitis or acute exacerbations; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends routine vaccination against hepatitis A and B, education of the public and professionals on hepatitis prevention testing and treatment, treatment of persons living with chronic hepatitis, and the development of systems to conduct viral hepatitis surveillance; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Health Services, along with members from the hepatitis community have launched a Hepatitis C Elimination Advisory Group to advance elimination efforts in Arizona.

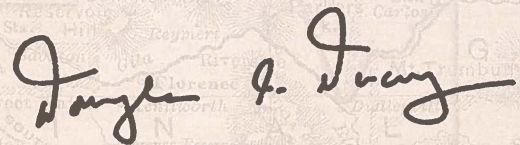
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as

HEPATITIS AWARENESS MONTH

and May 19, 2022 as

HEPATITIS TESTING DAY

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 tenth day of May 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

