

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Arizona are essential to statewide disaster readiness and are called to be prepared for any emergency, large or small; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of Arizona experiences severe weather, floods, wildfires, and public health emergencies which can damage property and infrastructure; and threaten the safety of Arizona residents; and

**WHEREAS,** emergencies and disasters can strike without warning, residents are encouraged to prepare their homes, businesses and schools for emergencies; and

**WHEREAS,** Arizonans are encouraged to follow the four steps of emergency preparedness: develop a family communication plan, build an emergency go kit, learn the hazards where you live and travel, inspire others by your preparedness example; and

**WHEREAS,** Arizonans are encouraged to follow the 3 principles of the Ready, Set, Go! evacuation protocol: get READY by preparing now for what threatens your community, be SET by maintaining awareness of significant danger and GO! evacuate immediately when danger is imminent and lifethreatening; and

**WHEREAS,** the Arizona Departments of Emergency and Military Affairs, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Agriculture, Health Services, Homeland Security, Registrar of Contractors, Water Resources, The American Red Cross, and the Arizona State Citizen Corps Council, among others, recognize the need for a Whole Community public education program about the importance of being prepared for any potential hazard.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 2023, as

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and encourage all residents to develop their own emergency preparedness plans and supply kits.



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 twenty-fourth day of August in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Eighth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE