

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA  
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PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, according to the American Cancer Society, in 2021, there will be an estimated 41,000 new cases of cancer in Arizona and an estimated 15,580 deaths will result from this disease; and

**WHEREAS**, for every new cancer patient diagnosed there will be at least one new cancer caregiver and/or family to care for that patient; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Alliance of Caregiving, a vast majority of caregivers (85%) care for a relative or other loved one: 42% care for a parent (31% for a mother, 11% for a father); 15% care for a friend, neighbor or another non-relative; 14 % care for a child; 7% care for a parent-in-law; 7% care for a grandparent or grandparent-in-law; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Alliance of Caregiving, family caregivers who reside with those they provide care for spend 40.5 hours each week caring for this person. Those caring for a spouse/partner spend 44.6 hours each week performing caregiving tasks. Those caring for a child under age 18 spend 29.7 hours each week performing caregiving tasks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Myeloma Network's and Cancer CareGiversAZ' s mission is to promote collaboration, awareness, education and advocacy for the improved treatment and quality of life for all cancer patients, their families, and all cancer caregivers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Myeloma Network established the Cancer Caregivers Education Program in 2008 which is free and open to all cancer caregivers who are unsupported and under-represented, and are truly the '1st Responders'; and

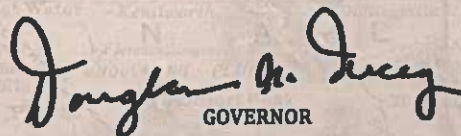
**WHEREAS**, recognition is given to Barbara B. Kavanagh as a 30 year Cancer Caregiver for her spouse and as founder and CEO of the Arizona Myeloma Network and Cancer CareGiversAZ; and

**WHEREAS**, recognition is given to Jack Kavanagh, spouse and 30-year cancer survivor of multiple myeloma and the inspiration for the creation of the Arizona Myeloma Network and Cancer CareGiverAZ.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 14 - 21, 2021 as

**CANCER CAREGIVERS 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 First day of November in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-One, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Sixth.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

