GOVERNOR KATIE HOBBS

ARIZONA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 42,560 Arizonans received a cancer diagnosis in 2024, and up to 14,160 lives were claimed by cancer; and

WHEREAS, every new cancer diagnosis impacts not just the patient, but also their loved ones, friends, and others in their caregiving circle; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Alliance for Caregiving, the vast majority of caregivers (85%) care for a relative or other loved one; and

WHEREAS, the National Alliance for Caregiving equates caring for a loved one with cancer to a full-time job, with caregivers spending, on average, more than 40 hours per week providing assistance; and

WHEREAS, organizations like the Arizona Myeloma Network (AzMN), Cancer CareGiversAZ, and other dedicated partners throughout the state work to promote collaboration, awareness, education, and advocacy for the improved treatment and quality of life for all cancer patients, their families, and their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, initiatives like the Online Cancer Caregivers Education Program help cancer caregivers find information, resources, and community support; and

WHEREAS, through increased outreach to those who care for cancer patients, the Arizona Myeloma Network and Cancer CareGiversAZ are helping to reduce health disparities and support cancer patients and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, recognition is given to Jack Kavanagh — beloved spouse, 33-year multiple myeloma survivor, and tireless advocate — who passed away on May 25, 2024, whose spirit and legacy continue to inspire this work; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Myeloma Network and Cancer CareGiversAZ provide special outreach to underserved communities, Veterans, and First Responders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim, November 11 - 18, 2026, 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 sixth day of November 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