

Proclamation

WHEREAS, nearly 70 percent of all reported cases of Valley Fever occur in Arizona, and in 2023 alone more than 7,050 cases have been diagnosed in our state; and
WHEREAS, Arizona is the focal point of quality clinical care and research for Valley fever; and
WHEREAS, Valley Fever is usually caused by inhaling *Coccidioides* fungal spores that live in the soil and circulate in the air; and
WHEREAS, enhanced surveillance of Valley Fever cases demonstrates the tremendous impact Valley Fever has on Arizona residents and visitors and on our healthcare system as a whole, and is a costly public health problem that deserves continued attention; and
WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Health Services, the Arizona Board of Regents, and partner agencies, businesses, and community organizations are united to educate the public and healthcare providers about Valley Fever in Arizona; and
WHEREAS, through promotion of early diagnosis and through public education about prevention, the number of individuals impacted by Valley Fever in Arizona can be reduced.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 3-10, 2023 as

VALLEY FEVER AWARENESS WEEK

in recognition of the outstanding treatment and research advancements supported by the Valley Fever Center for Excellence at all three Arizona Universities, and for the educational efforts to raise awareness of Valley Fever by the Arizona Department of Health Services.



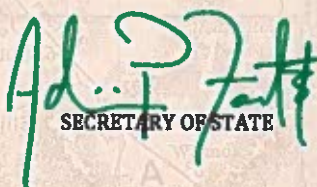
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-fifth day of October 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