

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor

Office of the Governor

*** WILDFIRE PREVENTION WEEK ***

WHEREAS, the safety of all residents and visitors to Arizona is paramount. Increased citizen awareness and the promotion of community-based solutions by fire officials, public officials, insurance, utilities, and other wildfire prevention partners are needed to work together to reduce the threat of wildfire; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's forests, woodlands, grasslands, and deserts are invaluable assets vital to all of our residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, wildfires annually burn hundreds of thousands of acres of federal, state, local, and private lands, endangering Arizona's citizens and property across the southwest; and

WHEREAS, wildlands, wildlife, grazing, watersheds, air quality, and local economies are vitally important to all of our residents and visitors and all are affected by severe wildland fires; and

WHEREAS, Arizona continues to experience drought conditions which makes vegetation receptive to ignition and rapid wildfire spread; and

WHEREAS, state and federal agencies are dedicating millions of dollars on fuel reduction projects to reduce the risk of wildfire in Arizona; and

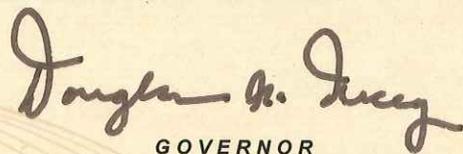
WHEREAS, over half of wildfires in Arizona are human-caused and preventable and each day, we must all do our part to prevent wildfires by exercising fire safety behaviors; and

WHEREAS, residents and communities should safeguard their properties by implementing "Firewise" practices around homes such as clearing flammable vegetation and using fire resistant building materials.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 29 – April 4, 2015 as

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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 March in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth.

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

