

GOVERNOR KATIE HOBBS

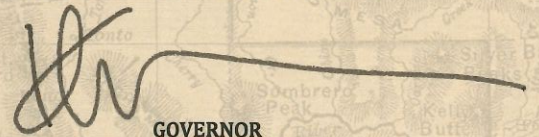
ARIZONA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, an estimated 54 million Americans have osteoporosis or low bone mass, and studies suggest that approximately 1 in 2 women and up to 1 in 4 men age 50 and older will break a bone due to osteoporosis; and **WHEREAS**, approximately 1.8 million Medicare beneficiaries suffered approximately 2.1 million osteoporotic fractures a year and osteoporosis-related bone fractures are responsible for more hospitalizations than heart attacks, strokes, or breast cancer; and **WHEREAS**, the total annual cost for osteoporotic fractures among Medicare beneficiaries was \$57 billion in 2018 and is expected to grow to over \$95 billion in 2040 without reforms, as the population ages; and **WHEREAS**, in Arizona over 37,000 Medicare beneficiaries suffered over 44,000 osteoporotic fractures; and **WHEREAS**, an estimated 5,200 Arizonans on Medicare suffered not just an initial fracture but also a subsequent fracture resulting in estimated costs of over \$102.2 million; and **WHEREAS**, osteoporosis and the broken bones it can cause are not part of normal aging; and **WHEREAS**, building strong bones begins in childhood and is essential to the prevention of osteoporosis care for our bones is important throughout our lives, but we reach our peak bone mass by early adulthood. **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim, May 2026, as,

OSTEOPOROSIS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

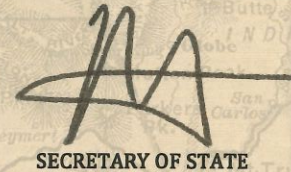
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona




GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-fourth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fiftieth.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE