STATE OF ARIZONA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Valley Fever infections in Arizona have tripled over the last decade, with most years 65 percent of all nationally reported cases of Valley Fever occurring in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Valley Fever is one of the most commonly reported infectious disease in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, enhanced surveillance of Valley Fever cases demonstrates the serious impact Valley Fever has on the health of our citizens and on Arizona's healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, Valley Fever remains an ongoing and costly public health problem, deserving continued attention, even while there is concurrently a pandemic of SARS-CoV-2 infections; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Health Services, other government agencies, businesses, and community organizations are united to educate the public and healthcare providers about Valley Fever in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, through public education and promotion of early diagnosis, the number of individuals impacted by Valley Fever may be reduced; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is the focal point of quality clinical care and research for Valley Fever.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 13 – 21, 2021 as

VALLEY FEVER AWARENESS WEEK

in recognition of the outstanding treatment and research supported by the Valley Fever Center for Excellence at all three Arizona Universities, and for the advances in Valley Fever education and public health by the Arizona Department of Health Services.

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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-First day of October 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