

WHEREAS, Valley Fever is one of the most commonly reported infectious diseases in Arizona, and diagnosis rates have grown over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, roughly 56% of all reported cases of Valley Fever occur in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is also a leader in quality clinical care and research on Valley Fever; and WHEREAS, Valley Fever remains an ongoing and costly public health problem, deserving continued attention, public education, and investment; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Health Services, the Arizona Board of Regents, other government agencies, businesses, and community organizations are united to educate the public and healthcare providers under a shared goal of preventing Valley Fever and promoting early diagnosis and treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 16 to 24, 2024, as

## **VALLEY FEVER AWARENESS WEEK**

in recognition of the outstanding treatment and research, including the development of preventive therapies, supported by the Valley Fever Center for Excellence at all three Arizona Universities, and for the advances in Valley Fever education, epidemiology, and public health 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 seventeenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE