WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, in 2019 there will be an estimated 37,490 new cases of cancer in Arizona and an estimated 12,470 deaths will result due to cancer; and
WHEREAS, for every new cancer patient diagnosed, there will be at least one new cancer caregiver to care for that patient; and
WHEREAS, according to the National Alliance of Caregiving, a vast majority (85 percent) of caregivers care for a relative, 42 percent care for a parent (31 percent for a mother, 11 percent for a father), and 15 percent care for a friend, neighbor, or other non-relative; and
WHEREAS, according to the National Alliance of Caregiving, family caregivers who reside with their care recipient spend 40.5 hours per week caring for this person, and those caring for a spouse/partner spend 44.6 hours per week performing caregiving tasks; and
WHEREAS, the Arizona Myeloma Network’s and Cancer CareGiversAZ’s mission is to promote collaboration, awareness, education, and advocacy for improved treatment and quality of life for all cancer patients, their families, and all cancer caregivers; and
WHEREAS, the Arizona Myeloma Network established the Cancer Caregivers Education Program, CCEP© for all cancer caregivers who are unsupported and under-represented.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 16 – 23, 2019, as

CANCER CAREGIVERS AWARENESS WEEK

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 fifteenth day of October in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fourth.

Secretary of State