

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA  
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PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life-threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Alpha-1 has been identified in virtually all populations, and individuals who carry a single deficient gene may pass the gene on to their children; and

**WHEREAS**, Alpha-1 is widely under-diagnosed and misdiagnosed and fewer than 10 percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been accurately diagnosed and it often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms first appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be detected by a simple blood test; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 2017 as

**ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH**



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

*Douglas A. Ducey*  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this thirty-first day of August in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Second.

ATTEST: *Michelle Reagan*

SECRETARY OF STATE