

Proclamation

WHEREAS, school attendance is significantly related to student achievement; and
WHEREAS, too many absences can keep Arizona's students from reading at grade level by the end of third grade, which is a strong predictor of future academic success, including high school graduation; and
WHEREAS, a student is considered chronically absent by missing ten percent or more of a school's calendar year for any reason, excused or unexcused; and
WHEREAS, missing 18 days or more of a typical school year, or just two days a month, means a student is chronically absent, at risk of falling behind in school, significantly more likely to drop out, and less likely to develop the skills needed for career success; and
WHEREAS, rates of chronic absence in Arizona remain more than double pre-pandemic levels; and
WHEREAS, the Arizona Chronic Absence Task Force has developed recommendations and resources to address chronic absence in our state; and
WHEREAS, chronic absence is a problem we can solve with effective, evidence-based strategies that involve schools, communities, and families working together.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2024 as

CHRONIC ABSENCE AWARENESS DAY

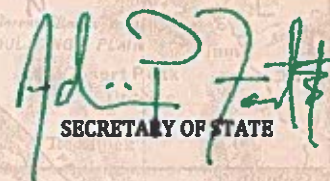
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this tenth 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

