

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that approximately 250,000 *C. difficile* (*Clostridium difficile*) infections occur per year that require hospital treatment or affect those already hospitalized; and

WHEREAS, each year an estimated 14,000 people die from *C. difficile* infection with more than 80 percent of the deaths among Americans aged 65 years or older; and

WHEREAS, healthcare facilities employ dedicated professionals who advocate for improving health and promoting patient and staff safety in order to minimize and prevent *C. difficile*; and

WHEREAS, improved health practices, such as thorough hand hygiene, and environmental cleaning, can significantly reduce the risk and spread of *C. difficile* infections; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the education of healthcare workers on proper infection prevention techniques is proven to reduce all types of healthcare associated infections; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Arizonans is important to the happiness, prosperity, and well-being of our families and communities.

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

CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE INFECTION 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 twentieth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Second.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan
SECRETARY OF STATE