

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, public charter schools were created to improve student achievement and provide parents and pupils a choice; and

WHEREAS, in the 2016-2017 school year, a record 180,000 students attend 547 public charter schools in Arizona, an increase of nearly 10,000 students over the previous year, helping to create new jobs and opportunities for educators and other professionals in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, academically, Arizona charter schools continue to produce excellent results and for the last two years, public charter students outperformed the state average on the AzMERIT assessment; and

WHEREAS, public charter schools serve as beacons of innovation and produce effective models of high-quality education; and

WHEREAS, public charter schools offer a variety of learning environments and emphasis, including college-preparedness, career technical education, arts, and sciences; and

WHEREAS, public charter schools play an integral role in Arizona's public education system, the communities in which they operate, the families they serve, and the pupils' lives they impact; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona joins the Arizona Charter Schools Association and others in celebrating the accomplishments and contributions of charter schools to public education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim
May 1 - 5, 2017 as

ARIZONA CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK

and congratulates public charter students, parents, teachers, and school leaders for their persistence, achievements, dedication, and contributions to Arizona.



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 twenty-fifth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST: *Michele Reagan*

SECRETARY OF STATE