

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 2017-2018 school year, a record 185,900 students attend 556 public charter schools in Arizona, an increase of more than 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. For the last three years, public charter students outperformed the state average on the AzMERIT assessment; and when separated and measured as if they were their own state, Arizona charter students rank first in the nation in eighth-grade math, and second for eighth-grade reading; and

WHEREAS, public charter schools serve as beacons of innovation and produce effective models of education, of significance to all public schools; and

WHEREAS, public charter schools are held accountable for improving student achievement, compliance with local, state and federal laws, and management of public funding; 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, by providing high-quality education to students, charter schools contribute to the statewide effort to improve education; and

WHEREAS, charter schools encourage community and parental involvement in the education of our youth; 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 7 – 11, 2018, 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 second day of May in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Second.

ATTEST:

Michelle Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE