

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Department of Health Services, along with members from Hep Free AZ have created Arizona's Hepatitis Elimination Plan, a roadmap for the elimination of hepatitis in Arizona; and  
**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 90,000 people in Arizona living with hepatitis C, and the rate of deaths related to hepatitis C are higher in Arizona than the United States overall; and  
**WHEREAS**, the CDC recommends populations at risk for HBV be screened for the virus, including those born in countries where hepatitis B is endemic in the population; and  
**WHEREAS**, approximately 1,000 hepatitis B cases are reported to the state every year; and  
**WHEREAS**, hepatitis B and hepatitis C can become long-term chronic diseases that can result in severe health problems, such as cirrhosis or liver cancer; and  
**WHEREAS**, viral hepatitis causes more than one million deaths each year; and  
**WHEREAS**, viral hepatitis impacts more than 354 million people worldwide, causing both acute (short-term) and chronic (long-term) liver disease; and  
**WHEREAS**, the CDC recommends routine vaccination against hepatitis A and B, education of the public and professionals on prevention, testing, and treatment of persons living with chronic hepatitis, and the development of systems to conduct viral hepatitis surveillance; and  
**WHEREAS**, hepatitis A, B, and C are infections of the liver caused by hepatitis A Virus (HAV), hepatitis B Virus (HBV), and the hepatitis C Virus (HCV), respectively.  
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2024 as

## ARIZONA HEPATITIS TESTING AND ELIMINATION DAY

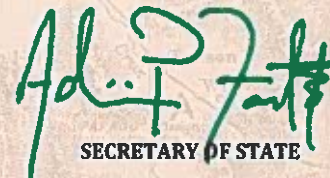
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this sixth day of May in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Eighth.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

