

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

# STATE OF ARIZONA

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federally funded college access program, administered by Northern Arizona University since 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, GEAR UP is designed to increase the number of students who graduate from high school prepared to succeed in college and the workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, GEAR UP focuses on students from underserved communities who might be the first in their family to enter and succeed in postsecondary education; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona GEAR UP 2019 – 2026 builds upon previous successful GEAR UP outreach programs implemented over the past two decades and continues services for students into their first year of postsecondary education; and

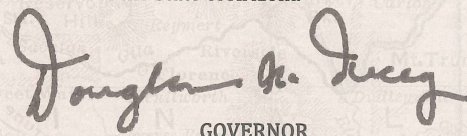
**WHEREAS**, Arizona GEAR UP bases services on the 5E's of Equity—engage, empower, excel, elevate, and enrich—to provide services to high school seniors and middle school students to increase graduation rates and postsecondary attainment; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona is committed to providing a quality education for all students and helping them to achieve their highest potential.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 20 – 24, 2021 as


## ARIZONA GEAR UP WEEK

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 August in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-One, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Sixth.

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

