GOVERNOR KATIE HOBBS

ARIZONA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Farm to School initiatives connect Arizona's students with vibrant, sun-ripened, and nutritious foods while honoring the state's rich agricultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, schools serve as essential hubs in Arizona's local food system—bridging the gap between desert fields and student tray lines while expanding market opportunities for Arizona farmers, ranchers, and local producers across the state; and

WHEREAS, integrating local produce, regional meats, and Arizona dairy into school meal programs directly reinvests food dollars into local communities, strengthening our state's economy and food system resilience; and

WHEREAS, hands-on agricultural and food literacy, brought to life through cafeteria taste tests, desert-adapted school gardens, classroom discovery, and community connection - empowers students from Pre-K through higher education to build lifelong healthy habits; and

WHEREAS, Farm to School programs expand food access, enhance child nutrition, reduce food waste, and cultivate community pride across all 15 counties and 22 tribal nations throughout Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the growth of these vital connections relies on the shared commitment and collaborative partnership between local agricultural producers, school nutrition leaders, educators, and community champions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim, October 29, 2026, as,

ARIZONA FARM TO SCHOOL 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 nineteenth day of October in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fifty-First.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE