

GOVERNOR KATIE HOBBS

# ARIZONA PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Senator John Sidney McCain III, born on August 29, 1936, devoted his life to the service of the United States, embodying the values of duty, honor, courage, and sacrifice that defined both his military and public service careers; and

**WHEREAS**, as a naval aviator and prisoner of war (POW) in Vietnam, Senator McCain endured extraordinary hardship with unwavering resolve, refusing an early release in the name of the U.S. Military Code of Conduct which declared all prisoners be freed in the order they were captured; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator McCain's decades of public service were marked by his country-first philosophy and steadfast belief that democracy is strengthened through civic engagement, respect for constitutional institutions, and the active participation of informed citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his career, Senator McCain championed the cause of freedom and human dignity around the world, standing with those who sought liberty in the face of oppression and advocating for democratic values wherever they were threatened; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator McCain believed America's leadership was most effective when rooted in principle, strengthened by alliances, and guided by a commitment to advancing peace, security, and opportunity for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator McCain's enduring legacy continues to inspire leaders, citizens, and future generations to defend democratic values and advance the cause of freedom around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of America's founding and what would have been Senator McCain's 90th birthday, reminding us of the enduring belief of both our forefathers and Senator McCain that the United States is a nation of ideals, united by the right to self-determination; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator McCain believed that our shared values are greater than our differences, and understood that free speech, a free press, and free elections are fundamental to a democracy; and

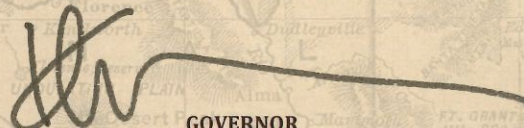
**WHEREAS**, Senator McCain's legacy serves as a powerful reminder of the responsibilities and opportunities of American citizenship and democracy.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim, August 24 - 30, 2026, as,

## JOHN MCCAIN DEMOCRACY WEEK

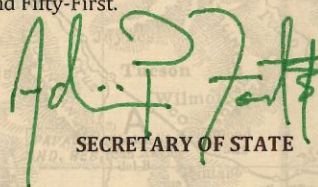


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this thirteenth day of August 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