WHEREAS, having personal and household savings is fundamental to the stability, vitality and well-being of Arizona and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, adequate emergency savings, retirement funds and safe debt-to-income ratios are essential components of personal financial security; and

WHEREAS, America Saves is a national campaign that encourages and motivates Americans, including Arizonans, to take action towards financial stability through strategies such as saving money for emergencies and reducing one’s personal debt; and

WHEREAS, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension and the Take Charge America Institute for Consumer and Financial Education and Research are partners in the America Saves Week campaign and are committed to helping the citizens of Arizona take immediate financial action to plan, budget and save successfully; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona State Treasurer’s Office and its Statewide Financial Literacy Task Force have advanced financial literacy throughout Arizona and established the online Financial Education Portal with a variety of resources to ensure that all Arizonans, from students and military veterans to senior citizens and vulnerable populations, possess the knowledge and skills necessary to make smart, informed financial and economic decisions that position them for success in life;

WHEREAS, AZ529, Arizona’s Education Savings Plan funds can be used to pay for a variety of qualified expenses for students who attend traditional college or university, an accredited technical training school, or a United States Department of Labor-approved apprenticeship program, including tuition, books, computers, and other necessary supplies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kimberly Yee, Treasurer of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim the week of February 21 – February 25, 2022 as

ARIZONA SAVES WEEK

AND DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF OUR FAMILIES IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND STATE. I encourage citizens of the State of Arizona to save more, to save for an emergency, to save for your child’s education, to save for retirement, and to pledge to sustain these actions both this year and in the years to come.

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

Kimberly Yee
TREASURER

DONE at 8:00 a.m. in Phoenix, Arizona on this eighteenth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.