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AzHHA: Governor’s budget plan provides critical funds for K-12 education, protects healthcare

Statement from AzHHA President/CEO Greg Vigdor

“A quality education system – starting with great teachers – goes hand-in-hand with improving public health. It is with this principle that AzHHA endorses Governor Ducey’s plan to significantly boost investments in Arizona’s public schools, including providing a 20 percent pay increase for teachers by 2020.

“We applaud the governor and legislative leaders who’ve helped craft a proposal that provides necessary funding for Arizona schools while keeping hospitals whole and protecting Medicaid as a vital safety net for Arizona families. This is a plan that legislators should get behind.

“Approximately 87,000 people work in Arizona hospitals around the state. Our kids attend Arizona schools. Our families have a stake in the strength of Arizona’s healthcare system. The Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association is proud to support a budget plan that ensures necessary funding for each core state service.”

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About AzHHA

AzHHA is Arizona’s statewide association for those organizations and individuals devoted to collectively building better healthcare and health for the patients, people and communities of Arizona. Founded in 1939, AzHHA’s objective is to improve healthcare through Better Care, Better Health and Lower Costs with the ultimate goal of making Arizona the healthiest state in the nation. For more information, please contact communications@azhha.org or call (602) 445-4300.