

PROCLAMATION

Founded in 2004, Helios Education Foundation has since dedicated two decades to creating pathways for success for students in Arizona and Florida. Their vision is that every student, regardless of zip code, has the opportunity to attend and is prepared to succeed in postsecondary education. Guided by the belief that education transforms lives and strengthens communities, Helios has prioritized supporting three key areas shown to increase the potential for students' postsecondary success: reading proficiently by the end of third grade, being academically prepared to graduate high school ready for college, and the opportunity to complete a high-quality postsecondary degree.

Through community investments, Helios Education Foundation has invested more than \$350 million in partnerships and initiatives focused on improving education outcomes for all students in Arizona and Florida. For twenty years, Helios has enriched lives through education and is committed to its goal of continually increasing the number of young adults successfully completing postsecondary education so that they may achieve their academic and professional goals.

NOW, THEREFORE I, KATE GALLEGO, Mayor of the City of Phoenix, Arizona in accordance with the law, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2025, as

HELIOS EDUCATION FOUNDATION DAY

in the City of Phoenix and urge all residents to join me in congratulating Helios Education Foundation on this 20th anniversary milestone and thanking all those involved for their contributions to our community's youth and the lasting impact it has on education.

Mayor Kate Gallego City of Phoenix