

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA ★ PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all children need the care, love, security and stability of family unity, including parents, siblings, grandparents, and other extended family members to provide a solid foundation for personal growth, development, and maturity; and

WHEREAS, whenever possible and without sacrificing child safety, keeping Arizona families together is an important goal for our communities, and is the best option for a permanent, safe and loving home for many children in foster care; and

WHEREAS, reunification takes work, commitment, and investment of time and resources by parents, family members, social workers, foster parents, service providers, attorneys, courts, educators, and the community; and

WHEREAS, for many years a number of jurisdictions in the United States have been celebrating the accomplishments of families who have overcome an array of challenges to reunify safely and successfully; and

WHEREAS, Family Reunification Day, June 11th, is an opportunity to recognize families who have successfully overcome the challenges that brought their children into out-of-home care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim June 2016 as

ARIZONA FAMILY REUNIFICATION MONTH



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

Douglas A. Ducey
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-sixth day of May in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:

Michelle Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE