STATE OF ARIZONA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona recognizes the importance of giving children who cannot safely reunify with their birth families a permanent, safe and nurturing family through adoption; and

WHEREAS, state and private agencies work collaboratively with the courts, community members, and members of faith-based organizations to unite children and adults through the process of adoption; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that children thrive in safe and loving homes that provide family connections to support them through to adulthood; and

WHEREAS, adopting a child is a great joy and brings upon us an opportunity for collaboration between the adoptive families and the communities who support them; and

WHEREAS, caring people interested in adoption can visit the Arizona Department of Child Safety's Children's Heart Gallery website to learn more about Arizona children who are in need of safe and permanent family settings; and

WHEREAS, every successful adoption is more than an achievement for these children and their adoptive families, it is a story in which all Arizonans can share; and

WHEREAS, adoptive families and the children they love and have provided permanency for, have a community that provides them with support and care to ensure they are supported throughout their adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 2022 as

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage all citizens, communities and support organizations to renew our commitment to increasing the number of Arizona children who find permanency through a loving and adoptive family.

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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 seventh day of October in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Seventh.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE