

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, children come into foster care through no fault of their own and have a right to live in a safe, nurturing, and supportive family atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, the people of Arizona are known for their compassion and have a long-standing tradition of opening their hearts and homes to children and youth in need of a stable and caring atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, there is a particular need for foster homes for teens ages 13-18, to ensure all youth have the opportunity to grow up in a family who will nurture, guide, and love them, thereby launching young people into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, together as a state, we must raise awareness about this need and inspire volunteers to step forward and invest in the lives of Arizona's youth through our foster care system; and

WHEREAS, foster and kinship families – unsung heroes who open their homes and their hearts to support youth whose families are in crisis – play a vital role in helping children, youth, and families heal; and

WHEREAS, we offer the deepest gratitude and thanks to all who serve Arizona's youth as foster, adoptive and kinship parents, respite care providers, caseworkers, advocates, mentors, teachers, faith leaders, volunteers, and individuals dedicated to making a difference.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as

FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH

and urge all citizens to come forward and do something positive that will help improve the lives of children in foster care.



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 fifth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Second.

ATTEST:

Michelle Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE