

# Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS**, whenever possible and without compromising 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 the investment of time and resources by parents, family members, social workers, foster parents, service providers, attorneys, court educators, and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 50% of Arizona families will reunify when their dependency case is close and these families want to remain reunified, which emphasizes the significance of family reunification and the importance of ongoing support to reunified families to promote safe, stable homes and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Family Reunification Day is an opportunity to celebrate families who have successfully overcome the challenges that brought their children into out-of-home care; and

**WHEREAS**, Family Reunification Month acknowledges and honors the hard work of families and communities that came together to safely and successfully reunify, and to raise awareness about the importance of family reunification and supporting reunified families.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as

## ARIZONA FAMILY REUNIFICATION MONTH

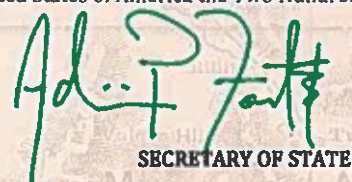


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-fourth day of May in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Seventh.

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE