

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 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 living in foster care; and

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

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

WHEREAS, family reunification should be celebrated in Arizona at the time of case dismissal and communities should embrace and support these families who have successfully overcome challenges and give them the unbiased opportunity to thrive within their home and throughout their community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim, June 2025, as,

ARIZONA FAMILY UNIFICATION 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-eighth day of May in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE