Janice K. Brewer
Governor

Office of the Governor

*** ARIZONA ADOPTION MONTH ***

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, during fiscal year 2012, Arizona was recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for exceeding baselines established for the number of children leaving foster care through a finalized adoption; and

WHEREAS, the community has come alongside the State to support children in need of an adoptive placement through the Children's Heart Gallery, and online and traveling gallery, where 86 children have been featured and 27 have found families through adoption since September 2012; and

WHEREAS, adoptive parents have a special calling, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support for our children; and

WHEREAS, at least five counties across Arizona will host Adoption Day celebrations during the month of November.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 2013 as

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and commend all who recognize the urgency and importance of providing permanent, loving homes for children and families.

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

Janice K. Brewer
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-third day of October in the year Two Thousand and Thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-eighth.

ATTEST:

Ken Bennett
Secretary of State