

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

Office of the Governor

*** CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH ***

WHEREAS, awareness about child abuse and neglect strengthens communities and builds support for children and families in the effort to prevent child abuse; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2011, Arizona Child Protective Services received over 34,500 reports involving the alleged maltreatment of more than 54,000 children; and

WHEREAS, parents and caretakers who understand how children grow and develop can provide an environment where children can live up to their potential; and

WHEREAS, trusted and caring family and friends provide emotional support to parents and caretakers by offering encouragement and assistance in facing the daily challenges of raising a family; and

WHEREAS, parenting is one of the toughest and most important jobs in America, and everyone has a stake in ensuring that parents and caretakers have access to the resources and supports they need to be successful; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention requires partnerships among federal, state, and local governments, faith-based and community-based organizations, schools, law enforcement agencies, social service organizations, and families; and

WHEREAS, if you suspect child abuse or neglect is happening in a home with children, do not remain silent. Call Child Protective Services or law enforcement immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2012 as

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and call upon the citizens of Arizona to participate in efforts to prevent child abuse and renew their commitment to strengthening the communities in which we live.

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 fifteenth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth.

ATTEST:

Ken Blumett

Secretary of State