

Janice K. Brewer  
Governor

# Office of the Governor

**\* FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH \***

**WHEREAS**, all children deserve to grow up safe, loved and well-cared for; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor foster parents who have demonstrated the depth and kindness of the human heart and thank those families that have strengthened Arizona by caring for children and youth in foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, Foster Care Awareness Month is a time for all Arizonans to show their support in ensuring a bright future for Arizona's children and youth in foster care by recognizing the people who take on the joys and responsibilities of parenthood, as well as fulfill the dreams of children who seek a stable and supportive family; and

**WHEREAS**, foster families offer children strong support structures which are needed to learn, grow, and reach their greatest potential; and

**WHEREAS**, permanence is critical to the future success of foster youth and must be a key component of foster care initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for more foster parents is great as there are currently more than 11,500 children in Arizona in need of a foster home; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the year, Arizona strives to fulfill the dreams of thousands of children by working with partners in the community, including courts, judges, attorneys, adoption professionals, child welfare agencies, advocates, community and faith-based organizations and others to provide safety and stability for children in foster care.

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

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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 twentieth day of April 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