

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA  
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PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in Fiscal Year 2015, Arizona's Department of Child Safety received over 51,767 reports involving alleged maltreatment; and  
**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is an important societal concern that may affect the long-term health and well-being of not only the children, but also the adults they become; and  
**WHEREAS**, placing a high priority on safety, permanency and well-being of children resulted in 6,330 children reunified with their parents and 3,240 children received a forever family through finalized adoptions; and  
**WHEREAS**, safe, stable and nurturing relationships and communities can break the cycle of abuse and maltreatment; and  
**WHEREAS**, child abuse prevention requires a coordinated and comprehensive response by all systems touching children and youth (e.g., schools, law enforcement, health systems, faith-based organizations, families and community programs); and  
**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect are preventable. State and local governments, community organizations, and private citizens take action every day to protect children; and  
**WHEREAS**, prevention works! Arizona celebrates 25 years of Regional Child Abuse Prevention Councils and Healthy Families Arizona; and  
**WHEREAS**, if you suspect child abuse or neglect is happening, call Arizona's Statewide Child Abuse Hotline or law enforcement immediately.  
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as**

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

and I further call upon the communities and individual citizens of Arizona to participate in efforts to strengthen families, protect children, and prevent child abuse and neglect.

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

*Douglas A. Ducey*  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this sixteenth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:

*Michelle Reagan*

SECRETARY OF STATE

