

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA  
★  
PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Congress established the Childhelp National Day of Hope as the first Wednesday of April of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Childhelp, Inc. is a national non-profit organization, headquartered in Arizona, that since 1959 has been working to prevent child abuse, and provide intervention and treatment to children who are victims of abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, the care and safety of our children is one of the most important responsibilities of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, across this country each day nearly five children lose their lives as a result of child abuse or neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, the needs of vulnerable children in the State of Arizona are very great-there are currently over 18,000 children in the care of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, much more can and must be done to prevent child abuse in Arizona and meet the needs of children who are victims of abuse.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2016 as**

**CHILDHELP NATIONAL DAY OF HOPE**

and urge citizens to take bold action individually, and joined together as a community, to prevent child abuse and make a difference in the lives of children in Arizona who are victims of abuse.

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 thirtieth 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

