

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our State; and

WHEREAS, in Kansas there are 5946 children and youth in foster care being provided with a safe, secure and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of a foster family; and

WHEREAS, all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and

WHEREAS, foster, kinship and adoptive families, who open their homes and hearts and support children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect thereby launching young people into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents, and the foster care "system" is only as good as those who choose to be part of it:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim June of 2014, as

*Family Reunification Month*

in Kansas and urge all citizens to come forward and do something positive that will help change a lifetime for children and youth in foster care.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka  
under the Great Seal of the  
State this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of  
May, A.D. 2014

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Handwritten signature of Sam Brownback in blue ink.

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.  
Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State

