

GOVERNOR KATIE HOBBS

ARIZONA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and well-being of Arizona's children are fundamental to the prosperity of our communities and future of our state; and

WHEREAS, each year, thousands of Arizona children enter the child welfare system due to reports of abuse or neglect, which can result in uncertainty, instability, and a lack of consistent support during a challenging time in their young lives; and

WHEREAS, a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is a trained volunteer, appointed by a judge to advocate for the best interests of a child in foster care, ensuring their voice is heard and their needs are met in court proceedings, placement decisions, and other critical areas; and

WHEREAS, CASA volunteers provide an invaluable service by building trusted relationships with their appointed youth, advocating for timely permanency and stability, promoting more positive outcomes, and helping children pursue their dreams and lead self-determined lives; and

WHEREAS, in Arizona, CASA volunteers work diligently in partnership with judges, attorneys, social workers, the Arizona Department of Child Safety, and community partners to ensure these children have support, resources, and opportunities, now and in the future; and

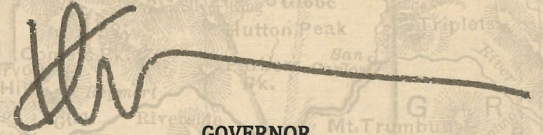
WHEREAS, the work of CASA volunteers has a profound and lasting impact on the lives of vulnerable children, providing them with a consistent, compassionate presence to help restore a more hopeful future; and

WHEREAS, CASA Volunteer Week provides an opportunity to recognize and honor the dedication of CASA volunteers, raise awareness about the urgent need for more individuals to step forward, and make a difference in the lives of children in foster care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 6 - 12, 2026, as,

CASA VOLUNTEER WEEK

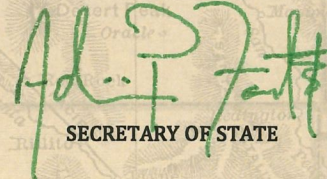
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-fifth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fiftieth.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

