

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Foster parents provide safe homes for children and youth across the state; and,

*Whereas*, Foster families open their homes and hearts to provide support and well-being to children in South Dakota, whose families are in crisis, while helping the families heal and reconnect; and,

*Whereas*, Each month, there are approximately 1,000 children and youth in foster care from public, private, and tribal agencies in South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, Dedicated foster parents provide opportunities for our youth to stay connected with their family, friends, culture, tribe, school, and community; and,

*Whereas*, They contribute time and talent to help shape the lives of children in foster care; and,

*Whereas*, There are numerous individuals, public, private, and tribal organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in, and those leaving foster care, and the valuable contribution of foster parents:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Dugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2014, as

### ***FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS MONTH***

in South Dakota.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of April in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fourteen.



*Dennis Dugaard*  
Dennis Dugaard, Governor

**Attest:**

*Patricia K Miller Deputy*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State