

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Families serve as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support, and they are the foundation of our communities, our state, and our nation; and,

*Whereas*, Many children reside with and/or are cared for by other family members, both formally and informally; and,

*Whereas*, Family members open their homes and hearts to provide a source of love, support, and belonging to their kin in times of need, and they play a vital role in helping families remain strong and connected; and,

*Whereas*, Dedicated kinship families know no boundaries of race, creed, culture, or social status; and,

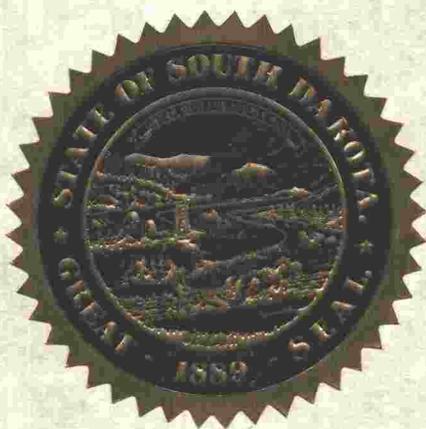
*Whereas*, There are numerous tribal, state, and local agencies who encourage and support kinship care and acknowledge the enduring and valuable contribution of kinship families:

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

### *KINSHIP APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS MONTH*

in South Dakota, and I honor and applaud all kinship families for the valuable role they play in supporting our children.

*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 Eighteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fourteen.



*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Jason M. Gant*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State