

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the family is the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support for children and adults and provides the foundation of our communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the bond between child, parents, and family members provides the nurturing and security that is critical for personal growth and development; and
- WHEREAS,** parents can encounter problems that require attention and assistance to promote the safety and caring support of their children and their family; and
- WHEREAS,** reunification with parents and family is the best option and preferred outcome for children removed from their homes and placed in foster care; and
- WHEREAS,** there are situations where the child(ren) cannot safely return to their family, and in those cases, foster care and adoption provide viable alternatives in safe and nurturing environments; and
- WHEREAS,** each year, thousands of parents work hard through child welfare processes to improve and grow, and thousands of children are successfully reunified with their parents and families; and
- WHEREAS,** family reunification also takes investment by extended family members, social workers, foster parents, service providers, attorneys, courts, fictive kin, informal supports, and the community.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2019 as

FAMILY REUNIFICATION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize and support families who have successfully reunified with their children, those families currently working through the process, and the many support persons who help these families.



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA