

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Grandfamily/Kinship Care Month September 2016

WHEREAS, approximately 2.9 million children in America are being raised by their grandparents or other relatives in kinship care, including 73,000 children in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Kinship caregivers not only ensure better outcomes for the children in their care by keeping them out of the foster care system, but they also save the government hundreds of millions of dollars each year; and

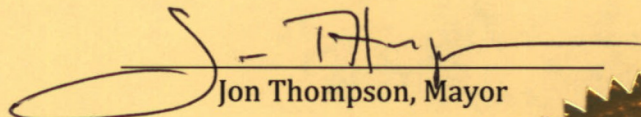
WHEREAS, since relationships with family members are crucial for the healthy development of children, the State of Arizona should strive to promote and preserve kinship, sibling and other familial connections for Arizona's children; and

WHEREAS, during the month of September, Grandfamily/Kinship Care Month is observed across the United States; and

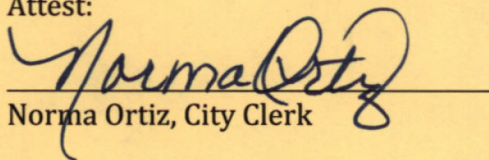
WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is proud to recognize grandparents and other relatives who raise children in kinship care to ensure their safety and promote their well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jon Thompson, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Coolidge do hereby proclaim September, as "GRANDFAMILY/KINSHIP CARE MONTH" in the City of Coolidge and urge all citizens to come forward and honor grandparents and other relatives who raise children in kinship care.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Coolidge to be affixed this 22nd day of August, 2016.


Jon Thompson, Mayor

Attest:


Norma Ortiz, City Clerk

