

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: During National Foster Care Month, we recommit to caring for all our State's daughters and sons, and we reaffirm our belief that no young person should feel as though they are on their own; and

WHEREAS: All children deserve the chance to grow up in a loving, permanent home. When children lack stable homes and strong support structures, they face enormous barriers to reaching their fullest potential -- difficulties no child should have to experience, especially not on their own; and

WHEREAS: Children are best raised in families, rather than institutions. And each year, men and women of all backgrounds open their homes and hearts to foster children. These selfless individuals step up and serve as loving parents and family members and dedicated teachers, mentors, caseworkers, and faith leaders -- helping foster children realize their highest aspirations despite facing many difficulties; and

WHEREAS: Many children in Arkansas are waiting for loving homes, and it is important to ensure all qualified caregivers have the opportunity to serve as foster or adoptive parents; and

WHEREAS: There are many ways each of us can work to make a difference in the life of a foster child in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is seeking to raise awareness of foster care in Arkansas through an event in May 2016, to start off the DCFS annual Foster Care Donation Drive, All In for Foster Care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 2016, as

ARKANSAS FOSTER CARE MONTH

in the State of Arkansas, and I urge my fellow citizens to identify the ways we can brighten the future of foster children throughout our state, and seek for every young Arkansan to know the safety, security and love of a permanent home.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 8th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2016.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State