

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: More than 19 percent of Arkansans (in Central and Southern Arkansas) struggle to provide enough food for their families, and 25 percent of Arkansas's children wonder where their next meal will come from; and

WHEREAS: Despite progress in making nutritious food available, Arkansas has the highest percentage of hungry seniors of any state in the country and the second highest percentage of citizens facing the most severe threat of hunger; and

WHEREAS: September 14th has been designated Hunger Action Day, and the people of Arkansas support ending hunger and providing hope for those in need; and

WHEREAS: No child, senior citizen, man, or woman deserves to go without food. Cognitive-learning deficits and failure-to-thrive syndrome in children, recurring illnesses among seniors, lack of productivity, and absences from work, along with long-term social and economic impact are among the damaging effects of food deprivation;

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 September 14th, 2017 as

HUNGER ACTION DAY

and September 2017 as

ARKANSAS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to promote awareness about hunger and to unite together in the fight against hunger.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 21st day of August, in the year of our Lord 2017.


Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State