

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Throughout our country's history, American-Indian and Alaska-Native peoples have been an integral part of the American character. These first people of our continent remain a vital cultural, political, and social presence; and

WHEREAS: Tribal America has brought to this great Nation certain values and ideas that inform the American spirit, including the knowledge that humans can thrive and prosper while still preserving and protecting the natural environment and that diversity can be a source of strength, rather than division; and

WHEREAS: The third week in September of each year shall be known in Arkansas as "Native American Heritage Week" to honor the unique role that Indian tribes have played in our State and their rich contributions to the history of Arkansas, since the days when the first European explorers met Indians whose ancestors had occupied the region for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS: Native American Heritage Week honors all Native-American Indians from all tribes and recognizes the original peoples of this land, as we demonstrate our gratitude for their contributions to the past and to the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas and as required by state law, do hereby proclaim September 17th through September 23rd, 2017 as

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK

in the State of Arkansas, and I call upon the citizens of the State to observe Native American Heritage Week, and to commemorate the unique spiritual, artistic, and literary contributions of Native Americans, together with their vibrant customs and celebrations that enliven and enrich our land.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 4th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State