

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Innovation drives efficiency and economic growth, giving American workers the tools to remain the most productive in the world and creating products, processes, and even new industries that expand employment and boost standards of living; and

WHEREAS: The United States has remained the world's innovation leader through its commitment to basic research, a world-class workforce, and a climate that rewards originality; and

WHEREAS: The manufacturing industry is a dynamic part of Arkansas's economy, and manufacturing jobs significantly contribute to our standard of living and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS: According to the National Association of Manufacturers in Arkansas, there were 153,700 manufacturing employees in Arkansas last year. This accounts for 14.56 percent of the total output in the state, employing 12.5 percent of the workforce. In 2015, the total output from the manufacturing industry was \$17.94 billion; and

WHEREAS: We also recognize the importance of a thriving manufacturing sector in fueling Arkansas's economic growth and building a promising future for our State;

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 October 2017, as

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across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to recognize the importance of the manufacturing industry to our state's economy and the impact it has made and continues to make on Arkansas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State