

# STATE OF ARKANSAS

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas has declared the month of October 2017 as National Principals Month in coordination with the efforts of the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the American Federation of School Administrators, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, working with the U.S. Congress, to designate National Principals Month and resolutions thereof; and
- WHEREAS: The vision, dedication, and determination of a principal provides the mobilizing force behind any school reform effort; and
- WHEREAS: Principals are expected to be educational visionaries, instructional leaders, assessment experts, disciplinarians, community builders, public relations experts, budget analysts, facility managers, special programs administrators, and guardians of various legal, contractual, and policy mandates and initiatives, as well as being entrusted with the education and development of young people, the most valuable resource; and
- WHEREAS: Principals will play a vital role in successful implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA); and
- WHEREAS: Principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers to develop and maintain high curriculum standards, develop mission statements, and set performance goals and objectives for schools to achieve educational excellence; and
- WHEREAS: The Arkansas Association of Elementary School Principals and Arkansas Association of Middle Level Administrators honors such exemplary elementary and middle level public, private, and independent school leaders committed to serving students from prekindergarten to grade eight (pre-K8) in their profession; and
- WHEREAS: The Arkansas Association of Secondary School Principals recognizes outstanding middle level, junior high, and high school principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students, as well as their exemplary contributions to the profession;
- 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

#### NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I encourage all citizens to honor and recognize the contribution of all school principals and assistant principals at all grade levels to the success of students in Arkansas elementary and secondary schools.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord 2017.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State