

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, amended in 1998, empowers individuals with disabilities to maximize employment, economic self-sufficiency, independence, inclusion, and integration into society; and

WHEREAS: The American's with Disabilities Act (ADA), a wide-ranging civil rights law, prohibits discrimination based on disability and imposes accessibility requirements on public accommodations; and

WHEREAS: Through training, support, and encouragement, individuals with disabilities become independent, productive citizens, integrated into their communities; and

WHEREAS: The basic right of all citizens to pursue full, independent, and productive lives is at the core of our democracy, and in an increasingly global marketplace, we must encourage all people to contribute their unique gifts in moving our Nation forward; and

WHEREAS: During National Disability Employment Awareness Month, the State of Arkansas recognizes the tremendous potential of people with disabilities, and we appreciate the tremendous value they contribute to our economic and social well-being;

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 3rd, 2017 as

ARKANSAS DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to promote positive awareness and full support for inclusion of people with disabilities throughout Arkansas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 29th day of September, in the year of our Lord 2017.





Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State