

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: In January of 1944, Swedish representative Raoul Wallenberg was sent at the request of the United States War Refugee Board to establish rescue operations for the Jewish community in Hungary; and

WHEREAS: Wallenberg displayed bravery, compassion and strength as he worked to save tens of thousands of Jews during the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS: Wallenberg selflessly rescued Jews from gas chambers, provided food and blankets to those on death marches and ensured the safety of Jews within Sweden; and

WHEREAS: In 1945, Wallenberg was imprisoned for an unknown length of time by the occupying Soviet forces in Hungary in violation of diplomatic immunity; and

WHEREAS: On October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1981, The President of the United States signed a resolution granting Raoul Wallenberg honorary citizenship in the United States as a way of recognizing and honoring Wallenberg's amazing life and legacy;

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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as

**RAOUL WALLENBERG DAY IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS**

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to remember Raoul Wallenberg's work to preserve life during a time when many sought to destroy life.

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



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State