

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, Illinois, is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations with more than 1.2 million Rotary club members comprised of professional and business leaders in over 34,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas. Four Rotary International districts are located in the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: The Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards and promote good will and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS: Rotary funds club projects and sponsors volunteers with community expertise to provide medical supplies, health care, clean water, food production, job training and education to millions in need, particularly in developing countries; and

WHEREAS: Rotary, in 1985, launched Polio Plus and spearheaded efforts with the World Health Organization, U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio. To date, Rotary has contributed more than \$1 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children against polio in 122 countries and cases have dropped by 99 percent since 1988; and

WHEREAS: Each year, seven-thousand secondary-school students experience life in another country through Rotary's Youth Exchange Program. Also, Rotary Peace Fellowships fund either master's degree or professional development certificate study at one-of-six Rotary Peace Centers, and Rotary supports programs that strengthen the capacity of communities to provide basic education and literacy to all; and

WHEREAS: The theme for the Rotary year of 2014 – 2015, "Light Up Rotary", encourages Rotary Clubs around the world to shine a light on the positive work Rotary is doing by hosting a Rotary Day in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS: There are over 5,000 Rotarians in 110 Rotary clubs, as well as numerous high school based Rotary sponsored Interact Clubs and college-based Rotaract Clubs throughout this State of Arkansas sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy and the environment in their local communities, and abroad;

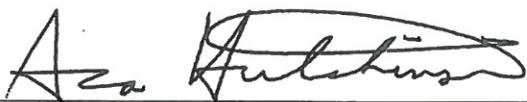
NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim February 23, 2015, as

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in the State of Arkansas, and I urge all Arkansans to recognize the important contributions of Rotary to our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 18th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2015.




ASA HUTCHINSON, GOVERNOR

Attest:


MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE