

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansans of Scottish descent have made enduring contributions to our State with their hard work, faith and values; and

WHEREAS: Several of our Nation's Founding Fathers were of Scottish descent, as have been many Presidents and Justices of the United States Supreme Court. Many Scottish Americans, such as Andrew Carnegie, were great philanthropists, founding and supporting numerous scientific, educational and civic institutions. From the sounds of the bagpipes to the great sport of golf, the Scots have also left an indelible mark on American and Arkansas culture; and

WHEREAS: Scotland and Arkansas have long shared ties of family and friendship, and many of our most cherished customs and ideals first grew to maturity on Scotland's soil. The Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence signed in 1320, embodied the Scots' strong dedication to liberty, and the Scots brought that tradition of freedom with them to the New World. Later on, sons and daughters of many Scottish clans were among the first immigrants to settle in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas Tartan Day 2015 is an opportunity to celebrate all Arkansans of Scottish ancestry whose determination and optimism helped build our State's character; and

WHEREAS: We are especially grateful for the service in our Armed Forces of Arkansans of Scottish heritage who have answered the call to protect our Nation and our State; and

WHEREAS: On Arkansas Tartan Day 2015 we celebrate the spirit and character of Scottish Americans and recognize their many contributions to our culture and our way of life;

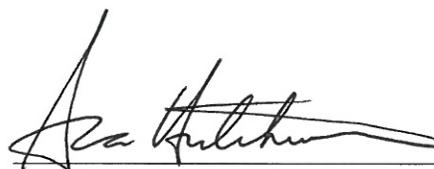
NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2015, as

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across the State, and I call upon all Arkansans to observe this day by celebrating the continued friendship between the people of Scotland and Arkansas and by recognizing the contributions of Scottish Americans to our State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 6th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2015.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State