

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: *The Pay It Forward novel, written by Catherine Ryan Hyde in 2000, has inspired the creation of a movie, a nonprofit foundation, and a movement that has been vital in inspiring millions of good deeds all over the world; and*

WHEREAS: *Pay It Forward Day was created in 2007 in Australia to further the altruistic movement of goodwill; and*

WHEREAS: *The goal of the Pay It Forward concept is to promote community spirit through intentional acts of kindness; and*

WHEREAS: *A worldwide effort, Pay It Forward Day is supported by people in more than 52 countries and on six continents; and*

WHEREAS: *Pay It Forward Day encourages people to do good deeds for others without asking for anything in return, except for the recipients to “pay it forward” to others in need; and*

WHEREAS: *Together, we can make a constructive difference by creating positive change in our communities and in our world – one good deed at a time;*

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 30, 2015, as

**PAY IT FORWARD DAY IN ARKANSAS**

*across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to join me in observing this day with activities and acts of kindness that demonstrate and celebrate selfless giving.*

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord 2015.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State