

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: *Cinco de Mayo, a proud moment in Mexican history, celebrates the victory of Mexican farmers and villagers over a trained and organized French army bent on colonization on May 5, 1862 in the city of Puebla, Mexico; and*

WHEREAS: *This victory came to symbolize the determination of the people of Mexico to remain free and independent and today, Cinco de Mayo serves as a source of great pride for Mexicans and Mexican Americans, and is celebrated throughout the State of Arkansas and the Nation; and*

WHEREAS: *Each year, Cinco de Mayo recalls the indomitable spirit of the Mexican people who continue to make significant contributions to our State and Nation, and the celebration also serves to enhance appreciation among us all for precious freedom and its value in our daily lives; and*

WHEREAS: *Marked by festivities that illustrate the pride of the Mexican community, this event is a fitting means by which to commemorate a defining date in Mexican history, and it is furthermore appropriate that Arkansans of all cultural backgrounds join with our Mexican American friends in celebrating the two ideals of friendship and liberty that our countries have fought to protect; and*

WHEREAS: *The vibrant Hispanic influence can be seen in all aspects of Arkansas life and culture. In the arts, the sciences, the business world, academia and government, Hispanic Americans have enriched our country's heritage; and*

WHEREAS: *Hispanic Americans are the youngest and fastest growing minority community in our Nation. Devoted to family, faith, country and hard work, they bring unique perspectives and experiences to our national community and character;*

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 May 5, 2015, as

CINCO DE MAYO DAY IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I urge all citizens to join in the activities designed to commemorate this celebration.

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



Attest:

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State

Asa Hutchinson, Governor