

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: *It is to the benefit of our society to promote responsible, family-friendly viewing habits; and*

WHEREAS: *Modern communication has made television a central reality in the lives of most Americans. Children in the United States watch an average of three hours of television a day, and adults average more than four hours daily; and*

WHEREAS: *The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends using rating systems to determine whether a program or movie is appropriate for children and to firmly limit screen time to one or two hours a day. The AAP recommends no screen time for children under the age of two; and*

WHEREAS: *Unsupervised television viewing can have an adverse effect on some children, especially the very youngest, translating into fear, desensitization to real-life violence, and aggressive behavior. Parents who view programs with their children can provide reassurance and instant feedback when questions or concerns arise; and*

WHEREAS: *Positive television viewing can be a valuable tool for learning and for expanding one's awareness of the world; it can reinforce positive attitudes in our homes and in our State;*

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 8, 2015, as

SAFE TELEVISION FOR ALL AGES DAY

across the State of Arkansas, and I urge all citizens to observe the occasion by encouraging good television-viewing habits and by supporting area stations that offer high-quality, educational programming.

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