STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: National Rosie the Riveter Day is a collective national effort to raise awareness of and to recognize and preserve the history and legacy of the 16 million women who went to work to support the war effort during World War II; and

WHEREAS: The United States government had promoted the fictional character of "Rosie the Riveter" as early as 1942 as the ideal woman worker: loyal, efficient, and patriotic. Norman Rockwell's image on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post on May 29, 1943 was the first widely publicized pictorial representation of the new "Rosie the Riveter". This led to many other "Rosie" images of the incredible women Americans have chosen to honor because of their immeasurable contributions on the home front during WWII; and

WHEREAS: These mothers, daughters, sisters and granddaughters left their homes to work or volunteer full time in factories, farms, shipyards, airplane factories, banks and other institutions in support of the military overseas; and

WHEREAS: They worked with the USO or Red Cross, drove trucks, riveted airplane parts, collected crucial materials, rolled bandages and served on rationing boards; and

WHEREAS: It is right and proper to pay homage to and safeguard the heritage of working women who entered the labor force while our Nation was at war. The daughters and granddaughters of "Rosies" later continued on the road blazed by their mothers and grandmothers; and

WHEREAS: These women and their descendants wish to further the advancement of patriotic ideals, excellence in the work place and loyalty to the United States of America;

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 23, 2015, as

NATIONAL ROSIE THE RIVETER DAY IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the important contributions of engineers to our daily lives.

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.

Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State