

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Helen Keller was one of the most accomplished, respected and renowned Americans in spite of being deaf-blind; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of Arkansas to encourage the full participation of Americans with multisensory disabilities in our economy by improving their options for employment, housing and thus their opportunities for a productive life in their community of choice; and

WHEREAS: Although deaf-blindness is a very severe disability, people with dual-sensory loss should be able to have the lifestyle of their choice; and

WHEREAS: It is necessary to publicize the abilities and potential of our fellow citizens who are deaf-blind or who have severely impaired vision and/or hearing;

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 June 21 through June 27, 2015, as

HELEN KELLER DEAF-BLIND AWARENESS WEEK

across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing Helen Keller as a guiding example of courage, hope, determination and achievement for other individuals who are deaf-blind.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 2nd day of June, in the year of our Lord 2015.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson", written over a horizontal line.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Martin", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State