

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The death of a loved one is a difficult experience, and the murder of a child is exceptionally devastating; and

WHEREAS: A Nation devoted to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness, America must focus attention on the families of crime victims, left to deal with great pain and sorrow in the absence of that cherished loved one; and

WHEREAS: The friends and families of victims cope with grief through a variety of support services, including counseling, crisis intervention, professional referrals, and assistance in dealing with the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS: On May 14, 2007, the 110th Congress passed House Resolution 223 to show support for the goals and ideals of a National Day Of Remembrance to recognize the significant benefits of the organizations that provide services to the parents and other loved ones of murder victims; and

WHEREAS: The designation of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims on September 25th of each year provides an opportunity for the people of the United States to honor victims who have been torn away by homicide and to recognize the impact on surviving family members; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas joins with the Central Arkansas Chapter of Parents Of Murdered Children, as well as victim-service programs, criminal-justice official, and concerned citizens throughout the State, to remember the tragedy of homicide, to honor the courage of survivors, and to strive to help the survivors rebuild their lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, acting under the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim September 26th, 2015 as

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR HOMICIDE VICTIMS IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I encourage all Arkansans to join me in remembering the victims who have been murdered and their families, and to support programs that help those who have been devastated through these violent tragedies.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 14th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2015.



Attest:


Asa Hutchinson, Governor


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State