

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Individuals, whether career based or volunteers -- from police officers and firefighters to emergency medical services and search-and-rescue personnel, and others in the public-safety sector -- come together as first responders to aid their fellow citizens in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS: Whether responding to a shooting, a wild fire, or a terrorist attack, first responders accept the challenges and responsibilities that go along with their chosen field; and

WHEREAS: By engaging in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to improve and enhance their skills, first responders are ready to meet the complexities of the emergencies they face; and

WHEREAS: First responders in Arkansas provide an invaluable public service to the people of our State by performing their duties without a second thought or personal regard, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS: Arkansans place their trust in these individuals, not just on this day, but every day of the year. Now is a fitting opportunity to express appreciation and to recognize that our health, safety, and well-being are often dependent on the commitment and steadfast devotion of first responders;

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 September 27, 2015, as

**NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS
APPRECIATION DAY IN ARKANSAS**

across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to join me in honoring the first responders who work diligently to keep us m harm.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 20th day of July, in the year of our Lord 2015.





ASA HUTCHINSON, GOVERNOR



MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE