

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Libraries level the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies; and

WHEREAS: Libraries continuously grow and evolve in how they provide for the needs of every member of their communities; and

WHEREAS: Librarians are trained, tech-savvy professionals, providing technology training and access to downloadable content like electronic books; and

WHEREAS: Libraries support democracy and effect social change through their commitment to provide equitable access to information for all library users; and

WHEREAS: Rural and small public libraries provide a variety of critical services and information resources to meet the needs of residents across the United States; and

WHEREAS: The Association for Rural & Small Libraries, Inc. (ARSL) is a network of persons throughout the country dedicated to the positive growth and development of libraries; and

WHEREAS: The ARSL recognizes the value of rural and small libraries and strives to create resources and services addressing national, state and local priorities for libraries situated in rural communities;

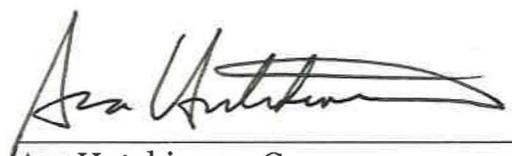
NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim October 1 through October 3, 2015, as

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across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of rural and small libraries in Arkansas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2015.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State