

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Weatherization Assistance Program, the nation's largest residential energy-efficiency program, was established by the U.S. Department of Energy in 1976 to make homes more energy-efficient, safer, and healthier for those with low and moderate incomes; and

WHEREAS: Administered by the Arkansas Energy Office of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, the Program is operated primarily by community-action agencies as part of their effort to help people sustain themselves and advance economically and socially; and

WHEREAS: The Weatherization Assistance Program has injected over \$170 million into communities to improve more than 74,500 homes, thereby affecting the lives of thousands of Arkansans, including many who are elderly, many who are disabled, and many families with children, helping them conserve energy and save income for other basic necessities; and

WHEREAS: The Program has been able to improve more than 6,200 additional homes with the help of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds and has worked with the ARRA-funded weatherization training center of Pulaski Technical College in North Little Rock to advance efficiency and effectiveness and to gain national accreditation for workers; and

WHEREAS: The Program conducts computerized energy audits and uses advanced diagnostic technology, investing as much as \$6,904 in a home and providing an array of improvements that include weather-stripping of doors and windows; patching cracks and holes; insulating walls, floors, and attics; replacing doors, windows, refrigerators, and water heaters; and repairing heating and cooling systems; and

WHEREAS: Weatherization efforts contribute to the state's economic, social, and environmental progress by creating jobs; purchasing vehicles, equipment, materials, and other goods and services; improving housing; stabilizing neighborhoods; reducing homelessness; eliminating carbon emissions, and reducing the risk of fires; and

WHEREAS: Because of its proven effectiveness and recognized potential to do more, weatherization has gained the growing support of public and private entities, including mayors, county judges, state legislators, utilities, community institutions, and various organizations;

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 2015, as

ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH 2015

and October 30, 2015, as

WEATHERIZATION DAY 2015

across the State of Arkansas, and I urge my fellow citizens to work together to support and strengthen the Weatherization Assistance Program, which has done so much for so many in our State, to the betterment of all.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 1st day of October, in the year of our Lord 2015.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State