

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Bullying is physical, verbal, sexual or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and

WHEREAS: Bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools and through technology, such as the internet and cell phones; and

WHEREAS: Various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents with or without disabilities are affected by bullying annually; and

WHEREAS: Targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems, and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and

WHEREAS: Children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

WHEREAS: Children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful and intimidated;

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

NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I encourage the Arkansas State Independent Living Council, Arkansas schools, Arkansas colleges, disability providers, students, parents, recreation programs, religious institutions, community organizations and my fellow citizens to be encouraged to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all children, adolescents and adults with or without a disability.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 9th day of October, in the year of our Lord 2015.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State