

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Innovation drives productivity and economic growth, giving American workers the tools to remain the most productive in the world and creating products, processes, and even new industries that expand employment and boost standards of living; and

WHEREAS: The United States has remained the world's innovation leader through its commitment to basic research, a world-class workforce, and a climate that rewards originality; and

WHEREAS: The manufacturing industry is a dynamic part of Arkansas's economy, and manufacturing jobs significantly contribute to our standard of living and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS: According to the National Association of Manufacturers, approximately 157,200 Arkansans are employed by the manufacturing industry, and in 2014, Arkansas's manufacturing industry generated \$16.6 billion, making up 13.36 percent of Arkansas's economy; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas Manufacturing Day is an opportunity to showcase manufacturing's technology-driven, innovative environment in order to attract skilled workers and excite young people about pursuing a career in manufacturing;

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 2, 2015, as

ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING DAY

across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to recognize the importance of a thriving manufacturing sector for fueling Arkansas' economic growth and building a promising future for our State.

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 September, in the year of our Lord 2015.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Martin".

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State