

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Devoted to family, faith, country and hard work, Hispanic Americans bring unique perspectives and experiences to our national community and character; and

WHEREAS: The vibrant Hispanic influence can be seen in all aspects of American life and culture. In the arts, the sciences, the business world, academia, and government, Hispanic Americans have enriched our country's heritage; and

WHEREAS: Hispanic Americans have helped establish America as a place of freedom and opportunity, and their contributions help illustrate all that is best about our great Nation; and

WHEREAS: In order to pay tribute to and recognize the important contributions of Hispanic Americans, Hispanic Heritage Week began in 1968, and the observance was expanded in 1988 to Hispanic Heritage Month by the passage of Public Law 100-402 as a 31-day commemoration beginning on September 15 and ending on October 15; and

WHEREAS: September 15 is significant as the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day, or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 31-day period;

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 15 through October 15, 2015, as

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

across the State of Arkansas, and I encourage my fellow citizens to join in activities designed to facilitate recognition, understanding, and appreciation of the significant contributions made by Hispanic Americans.

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




Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State