

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: It is evident that domestic animals in this country have become increasingly popular, providing love and faithfulness to their human families on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS: Studies show that interaction with one's pet can greatly enrich life, help lower blood pressure, increase social interaction, provide companionship, and, notably, make people happier; and

WHEREAS: Animal World USA's awareness campaign, the fifth Annual Arkansas Week for the Animals, strives to bring together organizations and agencies, including libraries, animal shelters, humane societies, wildlife centers, and sanctuaries, in scheduled events to help celebrate the joy, service, and love that animals bring to our lives and that we can bring to theirs; and

WHEREAS: Numerous adoption events will be held in major cities and towns across Arkansas during the awareness campaign to save the lives of as many animals as possible; and

WHEREAS: Events held during October 24th through November 1st are designed to build community awareness about the importance of adopting pets from local animal shelters, as well as to inform the public of the value of spaying and neutering pets; and

WHEREAS: Supporting organizations will bring pets to visit patients in hospitals and assisted-living homes during this special week, providing joy to those who need and appreciate the love and companionship of therapy animals;

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 24th through November 1st 2015, as

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across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to join me in recognizing this observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 15th day of October, in the year of our Lord 2015.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State