

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansas government works better when its information and services are available to citizens through digital technology; and

WHEREAS: Twenty years ago, the Arkansas 80th General Assembly of 1995 established a public-private partnership to explore, expand and promote the creation of online government services and created the Information Network of Arkansas Board to oversee Arkansas's future digital government enterprise; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas has been a consistent national leader in eGovernment since 1997, when it launched the first of more than 750 websites and online services that are now available to citizens; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas.gov—the state's gateway to online government services—has been recognized by the Center for Digital Government each of the past 10 years for innovative design of eGovernment services, and Arkansas's new approach to bringing relevant government services to citizens through mobile apps earned Arkansas first place in the 2015 Best of the Web competition; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas State Auditor and the Department of Finance and Administration were both recognized in 2015 for innovative eGovernment services that improve government efficiency and customer service, rounding out 43 national and international eGovernment awards for the state; and

WHEREAS: The continued expansion and promotion of eGovernment benefits the entire state and requires the support of government leaders, businesses and citizens to realize its full potential; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting that we designate December 4, 2015, as a day to acknowledge Arkansas government entities and the Information Network of Arkansas for putting government information and services online and, in so doing, making government more accessible, convenient and responsive to all Arkansans;

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 December 4, 2015, as

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across Arkansas, and I encourage my fellow citizens to recognize the valuable role eGovernment plays in simplifying their interactions with government and enabling agencies to operate with greater efficiency and achieve better outcomes.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 13th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2015.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State