

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The field of computer science for the digital age is an integral part of our culture, changing the ways people interact with each other and the world around them; and

WHEREAS: Computer science continues to transform our nation's industry, creating new fields of commerce, driving innovation in all fields of science and bolstering productivity in established economic sectors; and

WHEREAS: The field of computer science reinforces the information-technology sector of our economy and is uniquely positioned to help with economic recovery through the research and development of new innovations and through improving the outlook for jobs involving computer science; and

WHEREAS: Providing students the chance to participate in high-quality computer-science activities exposes them to the rich opportunities the field offers and provides lifelong critical-thinking skills; and

WHEREAS: All students deserve a thorough preparation in computer science, including access to qualified teachers, technology and an age-appropriate curriculum at the elementary and secondary levels of education; and

WHEREAS: Participating in an Hour of Code during Computer Science Education Week can serve to demystify the field of computer science and encourage more students to engage in further studies of computer science; and

WHEREAS: We recognize that the field of computer science has significant equity barriers to address, including attracting more participation by females and working to include under-represented minorities to all levels and branches of this important study; and

WHEREAS: We celebrate the birthday of Grace Murray Hopper, one of the first females in the field of computer science, responsible for engineering new programming languages and pioneering standards for computer systems that laid the foundation for many advancements in computer science;

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 7th through December 13th, 2015, as

COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK

across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to recognize the importance of computer science this week that honors Grace Hopper's birthday.

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