

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Digital Learning Day is an annual national and international celebration of great teaching and learning in K-12 schools, celebrating its fifth year in 2016; and

WHEREAS: Teachers, students and schools across the nation are using innovation and technology to transform and improve education; and

WHEREAS: Since Digital Learning Day's inception, thousands of teachers and schools across the country and around the world have held local activities; and

WHEREAS: Digital learning offers new and exciting ways for students to learn daily; and

WHEREAS: When used effectively, modern technology can make life more efficient, accessible, richer and faster for all; and

WHEREAS: Digital Learning Day provides each teacher, student, parent and school with the opportunity to learn how to use technology in combination with great teaching to modernize, personalize and improve learning; and

WHEREAS: Today's world demands the nation have a highly trained workforce skilled in the use of technology and digital content in order to compete in the global economy; and

WHEREAS: Digital Learning Day provides an opportunity for the U.S. education system to embrace the effective use of technology in a positive and transformative manner as have most successful industries and businesses across the nation and world; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. education system has yet to fully capture the potential that the effective use of technology can provide to improve and personalize instruction, allowing students to learn in the best individual way; and

WHEREAS: Digital learning and the effective use of technology can assist every teacher by providing real-time information to track individual student progress, create improved and efficient learning processes giving teachers more flexibility and time to spend with each student and eliminate bureaucratic administrative burdens that take time away from teaching; and

WHEREAS: It is important that any change in learning methods and infusion of technology in schools be done in a high-quality manner that best helps every student and ensures appropriate spending of public funds; and

WHEREAS: The fifth national Digital Learning Day will take place on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, to educate teachers, students, schools, parents, policymakers and the public on ways to integrate high-quality digital learning and the effective use of technology to improve the learning of every student;

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 February 17, 2016, as

DIGITAL LEARNING DAY

in the State of Arkansas and encourage teachers, students, schools, parents, policymakers and the public to participate in Digital Learning Day activities and use it as a day to explore and learn about new types of innovation in the classroom and promote promising practices in digital learning already taking place in classrooms around the nation and in the State of Arkansas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 3rd day of January, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State