

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: American Red Cross Month is a special time to recognize and thank our Everyday Heroes – those selfless Red Cross volunteers and donors across Arkansas, who give of their time and resources to help community members across our state and the country; and

WHEREAS: These heroes provide comfort and disaster relief to families after a home fire-a disaster that occurs at least five times every day across Arkansas. They give blood to help trauma victims and cancer patients. They deliver comfort items to military members in the hospital. They use their lifesaving skills to save someone from a heart attack, drowning, or choking. They teach Arkansas students how to be prepared for weather related disasters that strike our state; and

WHEREAS: The American Red Cross depends on local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. We applaud our heroes across Arkansas who give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand; and

WHEREAS: Across Arkansas, the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responds to disasters big and small. In fact, every eight minutes the organization responds to a community disaster, providing shelter, food, emotional support and other necessities to those affected. It collects 40 percent of the nation's blood supply; provides 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; teaches millions lifesaving skills, such as lifeguarding and CPR; and through its Restoring Family Links program, connects family members separated by crisis, conflict, or migration; and

WHEREAS: We dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission.

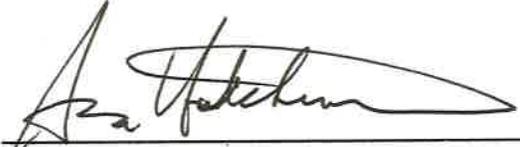
NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2016, as

**AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

across the State, I encourage all Arkansans to support their noble humanitarian mission.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord 2016.



  
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Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
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Mark Martin, Secretary Of State

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