

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Throughout the history of our Nation, women have played a pivotal role in bringing about positive change to every aspect of American life, and their achievements continue to touch the lives of every single citizen; and

WHEREAS: Through their courage, foresight, and community spirit over the years, American women have created a world of opportunity for today's heroines and role models; and

WHEREAS: It is impossible to fully appreciate America's proud history without recognizing the extraordinary contributions that women have made to our country since its founding; and

WHEREAS: American women played a vital role in the establishment of charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; and

WHEREAS: Our great Nation has been shaped by women, who have made historic contributions to America's growth and strength. Countless women of every race, class, and ethnic background have served as early leaders in the forefront of all major progressive social-change movements; and

WHEREAS: These women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, the peace movement, and other social causes, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS: During National Women's History Month, organizations in Arkansas, including Delta Community Based Services, are highlighting the extraordinary achievements of women throughout our history, while recognizing the equally significant obstacles they had to overcome along the road to success;

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 March 2016 as

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to join me in recognizing the important role of women – past, present, and future – in the history of Arkansas and the Nation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 10th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Attest:

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State

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Asa Hutchinson, Governor