

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The citizens of Arkansas stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas Education Association (AEA) has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS: Read Across America, a national celebration of reading on March 2, 2016, sponsored by the National Education Association, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students;

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 2nd, 2016, as

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I urge all citizens to encourage and participate in reading activities in their homes and communities as we work together to instill a love of reading and learning in the next generation of Arkansans.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 26th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State