STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The federal TRIO Programs, established under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, provide educational opportunities for all Americans regardless of race, ethnic background, or economic circumstance, helping students to overcome social, academic, and cultural barriers to higher education; and

WHEREAS: Educational Talent Search, Upward Bound, and Upward Bound Math/Science Programs serve high-school students through college-admission and financial-aid assistance, tutoring, summer programs, and dropout prevention; and

WHEREAS: Educational Opportunity Centers assist adults in completing high school, selecting a college, applying for admission, and for financial aid; and

WHEREAS: Veterans Upward Bound Programs provide short-term academic courses, basic-skills instruction, and transition to postsecondary programs for military veterans; and

WHEREAS: Student Support Services assist undergraduates, including disabled students, to earn baccalaureate degrees through counseling, tutoring, and academic instruction; and

WHEREAS: The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Program serves undergraduates by connecting them with faculty mentors and research opportunities and by preparing them for graduate and doctoral study; and

WHEREAS: Beginning in 1986, a day is set aside each year as National TRIO Day as a way to focus the nation's attention on the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives if they are to become contributing citizens of the country, and to the talent which will be wasted if that investment is not made. This year, Arkansas will join with others across the nation to observe the 30th Anniversary of National TRIO Day.

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 12, 2016, as

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across the State of Arkansas, and I urge my fellow citizens to recognize the important role of TRIO programs to the youth 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 4th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2016.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State