

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Re-Entry is a collaborative effort requiring the support of government agencies, community organizations, faith-based organizations and individuals; and

WHEREAS: The participation of community organizations throughout the state in developing successful and meaningful programs designed to mentor and empower Arkansans returning from incarceration with self-help assistance which is vital to the well-being of our society as a whole; and

WHEREAS: Involving the congregations of Churches, Temples, Synagogues, Mosques and all other faith-based organizations with the mobilization of neighborhood re-entry support systems is a critical element of the social reintegration process; and

WHEREAS: The participation of Arkansans who have lived the experience of incarceration and successfully reentered society as mentors and as experts in the re-entry process is crucial in designing and implementing programs to assist fellow Arkansans in overcoming systemic barriers to reintegration; and

WHEREAS: The government and the people of the state of Arkansas commend the vast number of individuals, community organizations, agency workers and faith-based groups who have for decades provided vital services and essential support in this important yet often unheralded area of community outreach, making a crucial difference in the lives of some of our most marginalized community members;

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 April 13, 2016, as

ARKANSAS COMMUNITY RE-ENTRY DAY

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to join me in recognizing the efforts of all community re-entry organizations in assisting the formerly incarcerated in negotiating their journey back into our society.

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




Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State