STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Americans are dedicated to bettering their lives, pursuing the American Dream with entrepreneurial spirit and ingenuity. Small business owners across our country are among the true heroes of our great American success story; and

WHEREAS: From the Industrial Revolution to the Information Age, small businesses have powered the American economy and created much of our prosperity; and

WHEREAS: Small businesses are the backbone of the Arkansas economy. There are over 240,000 small businesses located in the state, representing over ninety-six percent of employers and employing almost half of private-sector workers; and

WHEREAS: The men and women who own and operate our small businesses have made, and continue to make, an indispensable contribution to Arkansas economic strength and success; and

WHEREAS: These entrepreneurs possess many of the characteristics that have always defined the American spirit; a fierce independence, an extraordinary work ethic and an uncompromising commitment to building a better life. Taking risks to fulfill their dreams, they have made a profound and positive impact on the lives and futures of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS: These businesses demonstrate by their achievements and success that the promise of the American dream is within the grasp of every one of our citizens;

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 May 1st through May 7th, 2016, as

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across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to celebrate the achievements of small business owners and their employees and encourage the continued development of new small businesses.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 11th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2016.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State