

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Generations of immigrants from every corner of the globe have worked to build our country's economy and helped to create the unique cultural makeup of our nation; and

WHEREAS: Immigrants continue to grow businesses, innovate, strengthen our economy, and create American jobs in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Immigrants have provided the United States with unique social and cultural influence, fundamentally enriching the extraordinary character of our nation; and

WHEREAS: Many of the common traditions in the United States and our state are rooted in the customs of immigrants from all across the world who came to pursue the opportunities provided in this great nation and in the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Immigrants have been tireless leaders not only in securing their own rights and access to equal opportunity, but have also campaigned to create a fairer and more just society for all Americans; and

WHEREAS: Despite these countless contributions, the role of immigrants in building and enriching our nation has frequently been overlooked and undervalued throughout our history and continuing to the present 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 June 2016, as

IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH

across the State, and I urge all citizens to celebrate the economic contributions, history and unique blend of culture we enjoy today as a result of the many generations of immigrants who came to be part of the fabric of America.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 19th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State