

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: In July 2015, individuals across Arkansas and across the country living with disabilities and many supporters celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and

WHEREAS: There are over 50 million people of all ages with disabilities living in communities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS: The disability community has a critical interest in policies enacted at local, state and national levels that affect the integration of people with disabilities, young and old, into our communities; and

WHEREAS: Getting the disability community involved in influencing public policies is essential if these policies are to meet the real needs of people with disabilities who live in the community; and

WHEREAS: Voting is one way for the disability community to exert their influence in local, state and national elections; and

WHEREAS: There are multiple efforts to develop disability coalitions around the issue of voting; and

WHEREAS: REV UP America (Register Educate Vote Use your Power) is a national effort to encourage local and/or state disability community voting coalitions; and

WHEREAS: Members of both Arkansas and national disability rights communities are organizing a national Disability Voter Registration Week, in conjunction with REV UP America;

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 July 11th through July 15th, 2016 as

**NATIONAL DISABILITY VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK
IN ARKANSAS**

across the state, and I encourage my fellow citizens to join in working to ensure all citizens of our state with disabilities have the opportunity to take part in the political process in Arkansas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 1st day of July, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State