STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The art of clowning has existed in many cultures and for thousands of years. From ancient Egypt to the Middle Ages to the present day, clowns have long been known as ambassadors of joy and goodwill; and

WHEREAS: Their motto, "It's your laughter we're after," captures the spirit and purpose of the clown: to bring cheer and happiness to others and to help them forget the worries in their lives; and

WHEREAS: The men and women, who put on putty noses and baggy trousers to create hilarious routines, hope to touch the lives of others, bring a smile to a child's face or a twinkle to the audience's eyes; and

WHEREAS: Clowns regularly visit orphanages, children's hospitals and facilities for the developmentally disabled and the elderly, hoping to heal the hearts of those who are in difficult circumstances; and

WHEREAS: In recognition of their charitable activities and family-friendly entertainment, "National Clown Week" has been proclaimed to celebrate the fact that a clown's work is to leave happiness to all and take misery away;

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 August 1st through 7th, 2016, as

NATIONAL CLOWN WEEK IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to participate in and support the events of the week and to recognize the rich tradition of clowns in lifting spirits and boosting morale.

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

GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

Attest:

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State