

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Assistance dogs provide support to their human partners living with physical and mental disabilities by serving as devoted companions, helpers, aides, best friends and close family members; and

WHEREAS: Assistance dogs include service dogs, guide dogs, hearing-alert dogs and alert/response dogs, each serving the different needs of their human partner; and

WHEREAS: Guide dogs assist people who have vision loss, leading these individuals past physical obstacles and to their desired destinations; and

WHEREAS: Service dogs help people with disabilities to walk, balance, dress, transfer from place to place, aid with household chores and accomplish a variety of everyday activities; and

WHEREAS: Hearing-alert dogs alert people with a hearing loss to the presence of specific sounds, including doorbells, telephones, knocks at the door, as well as to smoke, fire and clock alarms; and

WHEREAS: Seizure-alert/seizure-response dogs respond to medical conditions, such as heart attack, stroke, diabetes, epilepsy, panic attack, anxiety attack, post-traumatic stress and seizures; and

WHEREAS: Medical-alert/medical-response dogs respond to oncoming medical conditions, including heart attacks, strokes, diabetes, epilepsy, panic attack or post-traumatic stress disorder; and

WHEREAS: National Assistance Dog Week brings recognition to the vast number of ways assistance dogs provide support to individuals living with various disabilities and the challenges they face on a daily basis;

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 7th through August 13th, 2016, as

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE DOG WEEK IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the important role assistance dogs play in our state and our nation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 17th day of June, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State