

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: One in five women and one in every sixteen men on college campuses are sexually assaulted in their lifetime, and this affects the state of Arkansas as survivors or as family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers of survivors, making it a prominent issue facing our community; and

WHEREAS: Citizens of Arkansas are ready to take action against sexual assault and towards efforts of fostering a campus and community where these actions are not tolerated; and

WHEREAS: Community members should be encouraged to uphold victim's rights and due process of law; and

WHEREAS: It is critically important that education be taught so that Arkansans are not bystanders when faced with this adversity and are willing to protect our neighbors, co-workers, family and friends; and

WHEREAS: The Great State of Arkansas recognizes that silence and inaction are unacceptable and we must speak out in order to protect our community; and

WHEREAS: The University of Arkansas Associated Student Government requests public support and assistance as it commits to work toward a community where all children, women, and men can safely live, work, and study;

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 November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as

**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION DAY IN ARKANSAS**

across the State, and I commend this observance to all citizens to increase the awareness and education of sexual assault in order to create a safe community.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord 2016.



*Asa Hutchinson*  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

*Mark Martin*

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State