

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS: On November 2nd, 2016, after a 108 year wait, the Chicago Cubs played seven games against the Cleveland Indians to win the 2016 World Series Championship at Progressive Field in Cleveland, Ohio; and
- WHEREAS: Arkansas celebrates this coveted victory with Bryant, Arkansas native and Chicago Cubs' pitcher Travis Wood. In his five seasons with the Cubs, Travis has gained the respect of his teammates and opponents through his exemplary conduct and sportsmanship; and
- WHEREAS: Born February 2nd, 1987 in Little Rock, Arkansas, to Jay and Dena Wood, Travis grew up with a love for "America's game" and an arm for pitching. At the age of 15, Travis represented Arkansas as a Bryant All-Star in the Babe Ruth World Series in Indiana, where he struck out 17 batters; and
- WHEREAS: Travis was named Saline County Male Athlete of the Year and Arkansas Gatorade Player of the Year in 2004 and 2005, while earning the title of 2005 Louisville Slugger Player of the Year when he was part of the Louisville Slugger High School All-American team; and
- WHEREAS: On July 1st, 2010, Travis began his Major League career with the Cincinnati Reds against the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field. Travis was then traded to the Cubs one year later and became a member of the National League All-Star team in 2013; and
- WHEREAS: Travis finished the 2013 season with the Cubs' best earned run average of 3.11 and was a finalist for the Gibby Award for Breakout Pitcher of the Year; and
- WHEREAS: The Cubs' league-wide best record took them to the 2016 National League Division Series Games, where Travis became the first relief pitcher to score a home run during postseason since the 1924 World Series; and
- WHEREAS: The Cubs went on to play the Cleveland Indians in the 112th World Series and took home the Commissioner's Trophy after 10 innings in Game 7; and
- WHEREAS: Travis has displayed outstanding skill, determination, and a competitive spirit since he first stepped onto the ball field, and his training and accomplishments were an important part of the Cubs' success and historic victory;

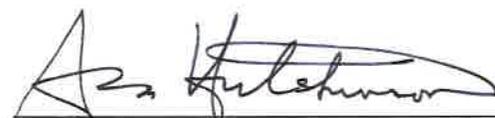
NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim November 11th, 2016, as

TRAVIS WOOD DAY IN ARKANSAS

and I encourage my fellow citizens to join Travis Wood, along with his family and friends, in celebrating this tremendous accomplishment, the pride that Travis brings to Arkansas, and Travis' return to his home state.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 8th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2016.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State