STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: In 1864, a broken nation was urged by President Lincoln to pause in the midst of a civil war on the last Thursday in November to give thanks to God for the many blessings He faithfully provided; and

WHEREAS: One hundred fifty-two years later, our nation continues to observe and recognize this holiday through family and community gatherings and remembrance of the responsibilities that come with the many gifts we are given; and

WHEREAS: Thanksgiving Day provides a special time for Americans to realize the abundant lifestyle we daily enjoy, to honor and be grateful for the service of our nation's heroes, and to relish time spent in fellowship with family and friends; and

WHEREAS: I encourage my fellow Arkansans to celebrate this day with gratitude, festive activities, and quiet reflection on providential gifts;

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 24th, 2016, as

THANKSGIVING DAY

in the State of Arkansas, and in order that state employees may spend this holiday with their families giving thanks, I further declare the State Capitol and state offices will be closed on Friday, November 25th, 2016, as well.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 25th day of October, in the year of our Lord 2016.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State