

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: On January 15, 1929, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born, destined to make our world a greater and more noble place, and this January 15<sup>th</sup> would have marked his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday; and

WHEREAS: The Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday will be celebrated this year on January 16, 2017, with a national day of service, a call to join together in purpose and care for one another, providing the opportunity for us to give back to our communities, help the homeless, feed the hungry, attend to the sick, and give to the needy; and

WHEREAS: Dr. King awakened America's conscience to the immorality of racism, and he was the driving force behind passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Fair Housing Act of 1965, making it possible for African Americans to receive top-quality education, to exercise their inalienable right to vote, and to obtain the equality and social justice that all citizens are promised; and

WHEREAS: Though his life was cut short by an assassin's bullet at the young age of 39, Dr. King's words and deeds continue to live on within each of us; and

WHEREAS: This commemoration reinforces our vision for America—a vision that can be achieved only through the individual and collective courage and determination of people united toward one purpose—ensuring that every citizen has an equal chance to achieve the American Dream;

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 January 16, 2017, as

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

across the State of Arkansas, and I urge my fellow citizens to celebrate the memory of Dr. King by participating in the many activities and opportunities available in the State during the day of service.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Attest:

*Mark Martin*

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State

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ASA HUTCHINSON, GOVERNOR