

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Occupational Therapy is a profession in which trained individuals use a client-centered approach to treat patients through therapeutic activities; and

WHEREAS: Occupational therapists can help patients develop skills and recover from physical, mental, and cognitive disorders, allowing them to lead a more fulfilling life; and

WHEREAS: People who have been injured or have a health condition through occupational therapy are able to function more independently in their daily life, restoring their confidence and hope; and

WHEREAS: Occupational therapists work in hospitals, schools, and nursing homes with patients of all ages; and

WHEREAS: This year the Occupational Therapy profession turns 100 years old, and there have been many lives and families positively impacted by occupational therapy over the past century; and

WHEREAS: The University of Central Arkansas Occupational Therapy Department joins with occupational therapy departments throughout the state to celebrate this anniversary of an honorable profession and the benefits it brings to citizens;

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 March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017, as

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DAY IN ARKANSAS**

across the State, and I urge all citizens to commend occupational therapists for their service to the people of Arkansas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of our Lord 2016.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

*Mark Martin*

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State