

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Down syndrome is a genetic disorder affecting one in over 700 babies, or approximately 6,000 births per year in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Occurring from an individual having a full or partial extra copy of chromosome number 21, Down syndrome is a naturally occurring chromosomal arrangement and is one of the most common chromosomal conditions; and

WHEREAS: Individuals living with Down syndrome are independent, valuable, and active members of our communities who are dignified participates in a wide range of educational, occupational, social and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS: The date 3-21 represents the uniqueness of the three (3) copies of the chromosome 21 and celebrates individuals with Down syndrome; and

WHEREAS: This year marks the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World Down Syndrome Day, supporting individuals with Down syndrome and those who advocate for them;

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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 as

**WORLD DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY IN ARKANSAS**

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to come together to raise awareness and promote the well-being and success of individuals with Down syndrome and their families.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord 2017.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State