

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Law Day is an occasion of public acknowledgement of our Nation's and Arkansas's heritage of justice, liberty, and equality under the law; and

WHEREAS: The United States Congress has statutorily designated May 1st as the annual day for commemoration of Law Day; and

WHEREAS: The American Bar Association designated the 2017 Law Day theme to be "The Fourteenth Amendment: Transforming American Democracy", in recognition of the numerous contributions to American law and society of one of the most often cited constitutional enactments; and

WHEREAS: The Fourteenth Amendment in the nearly century and a half that has elapsed since its ratification has greatly expanded the constitutional protections available to all through its clauses guaranteeing due process and equal protection; and

WHEREAS: The Fourteenth Amendment has served as the vehicle by which many of the protections in the Bill of Rights have been found to be enforceable against state and local government actions that infringe upon fundamental liberties; and

WHEREAS: The Fourteenth Amendment constitutionally defined national citizenship for the first time and guaranteed that the privileges or immunities of United States citizenship would not be denied to any individual citizen; and

WHEREAS: The Fourteenth Amendment has served as the basis of and inspiration for landmark civil rights legislation and court decisions protecting and advancing the rights of Americans; and

WHEREAS: Promoting public understanding of the roots of our freedom are an important component in the civic education of the citizens of the United States and of the state of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: May 1st, 2017, will be commemorated in the state of Arkansas;

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 May 1st, 2017 as

LAW DAY IN ARKANSAS

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 20th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

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Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State