

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Generations of immigrants from every corner of the globe have built our country's economy and created the unique character of our nation; and

WHEREAS: Immigrants continue to grow businesses, innovate, strengthen our economy, and create American jobs in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Immigrants have provided the United States with unique social and cultural influence, fundamentally enriching the extraordinary character of our nation; and

WHEREAS: Immigrants have been tireless leaders, not only in securing their own rights and access to equal opportunity, but have also campaigned to create a more fair and more just society for all Americans; and

WHEREAS: Despite these countless contributions, the role of immigrants in building and enriching our nation has frequently been overlooked and undervalued throughout our history and continuing to the present day;

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 June 2017, as

**IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH**

across the State, and I urge all citizens to celebrate the economic contributions, history, and unique blend of culture we enjoy today as a result of the many generations of immigrants who came to be part of the fabric of America.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State