

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Helen Keller was one of the most accomplished, respected, and renowned Americans who was deaf-blind; and

WHEREAS: The combined loss of vision and hearing, one of the most severe of all disabilities, affects more than a million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS: It is in the interest of the State of Arkansas to encourage the full participation of Americans with multi-sensory disabilities in our economy by fostering the employment of, and promoting housing and recreational options for people who are deaf-blind, thus maximizing their opportunities for a productive life in the community of their choice; and

WHEREAS: Today, people who are deaf-blind are attending college, participating in social activities, managing their everyday life, and actively engaged in their communities through employment and civic activities; and

WHEREAS: It is highly appropriate and necessary to publicize the abilities and potential of our fellow citizens who are deaf-blind, or severely vision and hearing impaired, and to recognize Helen Keller as a guiding example of courage, hope, determination, and achievement for individuals who are deaf-blind;

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 25th through July 1st, 2017 as

HELEN KELLER DEAF-BLIND AWARENESS WEEK

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 31st day of May, in the year of our Lord 2017:


Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State