STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: John Franklin Broyles, born December 26, 1924, in Decatur, Georgia, is the legendary University of Arkansas football coach and athletic director whose name is synonymous with the University of Arkansas Razorbacks and with the Arkansas Razorback Athletic program. Coach Frank Broyles was deeply loved by his family and many friends; he died August 14, 2017, in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was a respected coach, mentor, and advocate for Alzheimer's caregivers; and

WHEREAS: In 1958, after one season as head football coach at the University of Missouri, Frank Broyles joined the University of Arkansas Razorbacks as head football coach. During his nineteen seasons coaching the Razorbacks, Coach Broyles transformed the football program at the University of Arkansas. Not only did the Razorbacks win seven Southwest Conference championships and two Cotton Bowl victories under Coach Broyles, in 1964, he led the Razorbacks to an undefeated season and to the only national football championship in Razorback history; and

WHEREAS: In 1974, Frank Broyles became Athletic Director and was dedicated to the future of the athletic program at the University of Arkansas. He adapted the program to be competitive and transitioned the men's program from the Southwestern Conference, where the Razorbacks had won 57 Conference Championships under his leadership, to the Southeastern Conference, where the Razorbacks won 48 Conference Championships under Broyles. He retired as Athletic Director in 2007, but stayed on to champion the Razorback Foundation until 2014; and

WHEREAS: Frank Broyles mentored many players and coaches throughout his tenure at the University of Arkansas. These men have gone on to become some of the top assistant coaches and head coaches in college football and in the National Football League. In 1996, the Broyles Award was established as an annual award to be given to the best assistant collegiate football coaches in the nation; and

WHEREAS: Because of Frank Broyles' vision as head coach of the Razorbacks and then through his leadership as Men's Athletic Director, the athletic program at the University of Arkansas embodies Razorback school spirit and drives recruitment; and

WHEREAS: Coach Frank Broyles was known as a man of integrity and commitment, who brought inspiration to Razorback players and fans, on and off the field, and across the State of Arkansas and the nation;

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, in tribute to the memory of Coach Frank Boyles and in celebration of his life, do hereby proclaim August 19, 2017, as

COACH FRANK BROYLES 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 16th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2017.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State