

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The lives of Arkansans are enriched and enlightened through poetry and through the powerful voices of poets, who create vivid imagery through language combined with emotion; and

WHEREAS: Poetry Day provides the opportunity to celebrate the heritage and continuing accomplishments of poets and introduces us to the joy and satisfaction achieved through reading inspirational verse; and

WHEREAS: In this age of constant change and the commotion of everyday living, poetry provides a peaceful interlude to contemplate the well-chosen words and thoughts of others who aspire to be the stewards of our language; and

WHEREAS: Poets have enhanced the great events of American history; and

WHEREAS: In places of learning across our State, poets contribute to expanding the mind with their innovative use of language, encouraging our children to discover the power of reading, writing, and reciting;

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 October 21st, 2017 as

ARKANSAS CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL POETRY DAY

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 August, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State