

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Education is of paramount importance to the future of the State of Arkansas and the Nation, with over 479,000 children attending the more than 1,140 public and charter schools in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: The mission of public schools is to meet the diverse educational needs of all children and to help each student become a productive citizen, contributing to a democratic society; and

WHEREAS: Local school board members must be committed to the success of our children as they work to ensure that every child thrives with educational programs tailored to meet his or her individual needs; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas school board members contribute countless hours to fulfilling their roles and responsibilities in setting the mission for their districts; establishing and enforcing policies; overseeing school district finances to ensure alignment with academic and facility needs and goals; hiring and evaluating superintendents; and approving the selection of curricula to make certain that students are offered and taught required courses of study; and

WHEREAS: School board members are required to participate in annual training to enhance their knowledge and skills to better serve their students and communities; and

WHEREAS: The more than 1,500 local school board members in Arkansas receive no compensation for the time and effort they contribute on behalf of their schools;

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 January 2018 as

**ARKANSAS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION MONTH**

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to honor and support school board members throughout Arkansas for their significant contributions to our children's future.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State