

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Human trafficking is a borderless crime against individuals that violates the most basic human rights and deprives victims of every shred of personal freedom; and

WHEREAS: The United Nations International Labor Organization has estimated that at least 21 million adults and children worldwide are currently in forced labor, bonded labor, or forced prostitution; it is estimated that more people are now harmed by human trafficking worldwide than have been at any other point in human history; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas recognizes that Arkansas is not exempt from the reality and dangers of human trafficking, having Interstate 40, which is the main corridor for trafficking through the state of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas commends all those who work to end human trafficking through education, advocacy, and assistance to survivors;

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 11th, 2018 as

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I urge all citizens to raise awareness about the signs and consequences of human trafficking, to promote opposition to human trafficking in all of its forms, and to encourage support for the survivors of human trafficking throughout the State of Arkansas and across the world to put an end to this criminal activity and restore freedom and dignity to the survivors.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 20th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State