

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The word “justice” appears in many of the United States’ most cherished documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Pledge of Allegiance; and

WHEREAS: The National Alliance of Faith and Justice (NAFJ) founded the national observance of Justice Sunday™ in 2000 to honor the role of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as a clergy and drum major for justice and to commemorate the spirit and selfless acts of thousands of diverse faith and community volunteers, past and present, to preserve human dignity and serve this present age of social change; and

WHEREAS: The year-long continuum of Justice Sunday™, which begins January 14, 2018, offers a benchmark to launch or renew efforts to build mutual respect, promote principles of non-violence, and collaborate in efforts to ensure all children retain and maximize access to the pencil (education) rather than the pen(itentiary); and

WHEREAS: The theme of Justice Sunday™ 2018 continuum, “A Charge To Keep We Have: To Serve This Present Age” challenges all to facilitate assistance in transformation and healing (f.a.i.t.h.) before and beyond the MLK National Day of Service; and

WHEREAS: On January 15 (the birthdate of Dr. King and 2018 MLK National Day of Service), the Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change will launch a worldwide campaign to encourage individuals to cross racial, cultural, and economic divides by participating in service projects or acts of kindness in their community; and

WHEREAS: 2018 marks the 50th anniversary since the assassination of Dr. King, the 50th anniversary of the Poor People’s Campaign, and the 55th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom; and

WHEREAS: It also marks the first year in which Arkansas will observe the MLK Day of Service as an exclusive commemoration; and

WHEREAS: January is also National Mentoring Month during which Arkansans are encouraged to mentor and help others;

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 14th, 2018 as

JUSTICE SUNDAY 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 30th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2017.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor

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Mark Martin, Secretary Of State