

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and throughout our history, citizens have stepped up to meet challenges by volunteering in their communities; and

WHEREAS: Annually, AmeriCorps provides opportunities for more than 80,000 Americans to assist their country through committed service to nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups all across the country; and

WHEREAS: AmeriCorps enriches the lives of its members, building habits that create engaged citizens who are active participants in civic matters affecting their communities long after their service terms are completed; and

WHEREAS: AmeriCorps members encourage collaboration and partnerships, leveraging millions of volunteers in service and acquiring the support of business partners to increase the effectiveness of their initiatives; and

WHEREAS: In Arkansas, more than 8,600 AmeriCorps members of various ages and backgrounds helped to meet local needs at 459 locations in the State by tutoring or mentoring children and youth, supporting veterans and military families, restoring the environment, and responding to disasters, serving more than 13 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$26,060,000; and

WHEREAS: In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn valuable work skills and money for continuing education, and they strengthen the lives of their families, communities, and Arkansas as a whole; and

WHEREAS: Since AmeriCorps was founded in 1994, over 1 million AmeriCorps members served more than 1 billion hours and qualified for the Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$2.4 billion; and

WHEREAS: AmeriCorps Week is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and commitment of the many Americans who have chosen to serve their country through AmeriCorps and their community partners, and to encourage more Americans to follow their footsteps in service;

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 March 11th through March 18th, 2018, as

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across the State, and I urge all citizens to thank AmeriCorps members, Senior Corps members, National Direct Service members, and Alumni for their service and to find their own ways to give back to their communities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 8th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2018.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State