

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC) provides consulting, market research, and events for potential and existing entrepreneurs and small businesses in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas SBTDC Network works with all types of small businesses, from home-based to high-tech, and serves the entire state from seven university-based offices; and

WHEREAS: In the last five years, the Arkansas SBTDC Network has helped small businesses secure over \$357 million in capital, start 647 new businesses, and create and retain almost 8,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas SBTDC is the state's leading provider of Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Research assistance helping university researchers and small businesses win over \$10.5 million in federal funding since 2013; and

WHEREAS: In the last five years, the Arkansas SBTDC Network has held 2,474 entrepreneurial and small business training events for more than 20,000 attendees; and

WHEREAS: Small Business Development Centers have become the leader in job creation and small business growth throughout the nation;

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 21st, 2018, as

ARKANSAS SMALL BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER DAY

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 5th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2018.



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