

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Americans are dedicated to improving their quality of life and social well-being as they pursue the American Dream with entrepreneurial innovation and determination. Small business owners are among the true champions of our great American success story; and

WHEREAS: From the Industrial Revolution to the Information Age, small businesses have driven a stronger American economy and led the way in technology and innovation; and

WHEREAS: Small businesses are the foundations of our communities and the backbone of the Arkansas economy. There are over 240,000 small businesses located in the state, representing over ninety-six percent of employers and employing over 480,000 private-sector workers; and

WHEREAS: The men and women who own and operate our small businesses have made, and continue to make, a vital contribution to Arkansas economic power and success; and

WHEREAS: These entrepreneurs possess many of the characteristics that have always defined the American spirit; a fierce independence, an amazing work ethic, and an unbending commitment to building a better life. Taking risks to fulfill their visions, they have made a profound and positive impact on the lives and futures of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS: These businesses demonstrate by their achievements and success that the promise of the American dream is within the grasp of every one of our citizens;

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 April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as

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across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to celebrate the achievements of small business owners and their employees and encourage the continued development of new small businesses.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord 2018.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State