STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Audiologists and speech language pathologists in Arkansas observe and celebrate Better Hearing and Speech Month each year during the month of May; and

WHEREAS: Audiology and speech language pathology services throughout our nation help to enable and empower individuals with communication disorders to lead independent, productive, and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas recognizes and values the efforts of all who work to eliminate or minimize the isolating effects communication disorders can have on the one in ten families affected by them; and

WHEREAS: Those citizens of Arkansas who have overcome their communication disabilities through the services of dedicated audiologists and speech language pathologists should be recognized; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas is proud and honored to have over 2,500 audiologists and speech language pathologists offering quality education and health services to its 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 May 2018, as

BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH

across the State, and I encourage all citizens to recognize the achievements of audiologists and speech language pathologists in improving the quality of life for people with communication disorders.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 2nd day of March, in the year of our Lord 2018.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State