

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansas has 2,178 licensed child care facilities offering families early learning opportunities and child care throughout the state; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Department of Human Services' Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education develops full and supplemental, comprehensive curricula for children age newborn to five; and

WHEREAS: Research shows a child's early care and education play a critical role in a child's brain development; and

WHEREAS: Positive nurturing relationships at the early ages are essential for healthy social and emotional development; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas child care providers and teachers attend conferences and training courses to ensure they are meeting the latest child care and early learning standards; and

WHEREAS: May 9th is set aside as a day to appreciate the contributions of child care providers to the future of our state;

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 9th, 2018, as

ARKANSAS CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 26th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2018.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Martin".

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State