

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansas's success in the global community rests on an educated and productive workforce. Jobs in the 21<sup>st</sup> century are increasingly dependent upon post-secondary education and training; and

WHEREAS: Saving and planning ahead today for the cost of a post-secondary education is essential to ensuring the access and completion of a higher education; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas provides The Great Investment for Tomorrow (GIFT) Plan as an affordable, tax-advantaged 529 savings plan for the people of Arkansas to save and plan for their children's post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS: 27,439 families are participating in the GIFT AR 529 program and have an average of \$14,771 in savings for their children's post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS: The GIFT AR 529 savings program can be used to pay for qualified educational expenses at any two-year or four-year college, university, vocational or technical institution;

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 September 2018, as

**COLLEGE SAVINGS MONTH**

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to recognize the benefits of attaining a higher education and to begin saving for their children's educations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord 2018.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State