STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The death of a loved one is a difficult experience, and the murder of a child is especially devastating; and

WHEREAS: As a nation devoted to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness, America must focus attention on the families of crime victims who are left to deal with great pain and sorrow in the absence of their cherished loved one; and

WHEREAS: On May 14, 2007, the 110th Congress of the United States passed House Resolution 223 to demonstrate support for the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance that recognizes the significant benefits of organizations that provide services to the parents and other loved ones of murdered victims; and

WHEREAS: The designation of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims on September 25th of each year provides an opportunity for the people of the United States to honor victims who have been torn away from their lives by homicide and to recognize the effects such tragedies have on surviving family members; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas takes this time to remember the anguish caused by homicide, to honor the courage of survivors, and to help the survivors rebuild their lives;

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 22, 2018, as

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR HOMICIDE VICTIMS IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I encourage all citizens to join me in remembering the victims who have been murdered and their families, and to support programs that help those who have been devastated by violent tragedies.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 27th day of July, in the year of our Lord 2018.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State