STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The United States Congress created the federal Procurement Technical Assistance Program to help small businesses compete for federal, state, and local government contracts, assisting them at little or no cost in becoming capable government contractors. The program was founded on the belief that a broad base of small business suppliers provides the highest quality and best value to our government agencies and creates a strong and vibrant economic base for our communities; and

WHEREAS: Ninety-five Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs), funded through the U.S. Defense Logistics Agency with matching funds from state and local governments, educational institutions, and other non-profit organizations, operate in all 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia and the territories of Puerto Rico and Guam, serving over 48,000 small businesses each year; and

WHEREAS: PTACs are the only dedicated source of free, expert assistance on the full range of local, state, and federal government contracting issues; and

WHEREAS: PTAC clients provide greater competition in the government marketplace, thereby ensuring that agencies have access to higher quality goods and services at lower cost to the taxpayer; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Procurement Assistance Center (APAC) has a partnership between the federal government and the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service that provides training and technical assistance on local, state, and federal government contracting issues to small businesses across the State of Arkansas with offices located in Little Rock and Bentonville; and

WHEREAS: APAC has helped 6,289 Arkansas businesses obtain more than $1.2 billion in government contract work since 2001;

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 26, 2018, as

NATIONAL PROCUREMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DAY IN ARKANSAS

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 18th day of September, in the year of our Lord 2018.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State