

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The festival of Chanukah will be celebrated throughout the world from December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, through December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and it commemorates the victory of a small army which, although greatly outnumbered, prevailed against the forces of religious persecution; and

WHEREAS: A great miracle followed this victory when a small jar with only enough oil to burn a single day lit the Menorah for eight days, bringing joy to all who had fought for the right to teach and worship freely; and

WHEREAS: Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, is among the most widely celebrated of the Jewish holidays, representing the victory of right over might, light over darkness, and freedom over oppression; and

WHEREAS: This miracle of light is preserved around the world through the lighting of the Menorah, symbolizing the ideal of religious freedom and offering a beacon of hope to all those still subject to spiritual oppression; and

WHEREAS: The annual kindling of the Menorah in Little Rock confirms the faith of all people in the universal right to religious expression and spiritual freedom in the State and around the world; and

WHEREAS: The message of Chanukah resonates with the fundamental principles of American life, including religious freedom and hope;

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 December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, through December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as

**CHANUKAH WEEK 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of our Lord 2018.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State