

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Computer Science Education Week highlights the crucial role that computer science plays in transforming our society and how computer science enables innovation and creates economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS: Computing technology is an integral part of modern culture and is transforming how people interact with each other and the world around them; and

WHEREAS: Computer science is transforming industry, creating new fields of commerce, driving innovation in all fields of science, and bolstering productivity in established economic sectors; and

WHEREAS: The field of computer science underpins the information technology sector of our economy, which is a significant contributor to the United States' economic output; and

WHEREAS: The field of computer science is a foundational science for the digital age; and

WHEREAS: The information technology sector is uniquely positioned to help with economic recovery through the research and development of new innovations; and

WHEREAS: The outlook for computer science jobs is bright with over 500,000 open computing positions across the country; and

WHEREAS: Providing students the chance to participate in high-quality computer science activities exposes them to the rich opportunities the field offers and provides critical thinking skills that will serve them throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS: All students deserve a thorough preparation in computer science education, including access to the qualified teachers, technology, and age-appropriate curriculum needed to learn computer science at the elementary and secondary levels of education; and

WHEREAS: Participating in an Hour of Code during Computer Science Education Week can serve to demystify the field of computer science and encourage more students to take up further studies of computer science; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas is recognized as a leading state in the Computer Science Education movement; and

WHEREAS: The field of computer science has significant equity barriers to address, including attracting more participation by females and underrepresented minorities to all levels and branches; and

WHEREAS: Raye Montague, an Arkansas native who was a national pioneer for women and women of color in engineering and computer sciences, created the first computer generated rough draft of a U.S. Naval ship, and passed away on October 9, 2018; and

WHEREAS: Grace Murray Hopper, one of the first females in the field of computer science, engineered new programming languages and pioneered standards for computer systems which laid the foundation for many advancements in computer science; and

WHEREAS: The week of December 3rd, in honor of Grace Hopper's birthday, is designated as Computer Science Education Week;

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 3rd through December 9th, 2018, as

COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to recognize the importance of computer science this week that honors Ray Montague and Grace Hopper.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 13th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2018.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State