

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansas's gifted and talented students have unique and diverse needs that require qualitatively differentiated educational experiences or services to be recognized, supported, and respected; and

WHEREAS: Informed educational professionals, parents, policy makers, and all other stakeholders can advocate appropriately for the benefit of gifted and talented students; and

WHEREAS: Our students are Arkansas's most valuable resource, which are critical to the future of our state; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas and its education system play a key role in nurturing our students; and

WHEREAS: Through education, we can strengthen and encourage the recognition and implementation of practices that support identification of gifted and talented students from previously marginalized populations; and

WHEREAS: All children deserve the opportunity to learn something new each day; and

WHEREAS: Most gifted and talented students spend their time in the regular education classroom setting. It is therefore essential that all teachers and other school personnel are familiar with the characteristics of giftedness and possess an array of strategies to address and meet the students' learning differences and needs; and

WHEREAS: Students ultimately benefit from increased opportunities for collaboration and cooperation among all stakeholders with the goal of advancing the abilities and developing the potential of gifted and talented students;

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 February 25<sup>th</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, as

**GIFTED AND TALENTED AWARENESS WEEK**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord 2019.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

  
John Thurston, Secretary Of State