STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: April 2019 marks the 51st anniversary of the enactment of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, landmark legislation, which was amended in 1988 by the Fair Housing Amendments Act to expand coverage of Title VIII; and

WHEREAS: Title VIII Acts of 1968 and 1988, generally referred to as the Federal Fair Housing Act, make it the Nation's policy to assure that fair housing becomes a reality throughout the United States and in Arkansas by prohibiting discrimination in the sale, rental, or financing of housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin; and

WHEREAS: The Great State of Arkansas enacted Act 1785 of 2001 to affirm the dedication of all citizens of Arkansas to the principles of fair housing; and

WHEREAS: As a Nation, we have made progress over the past 51 years in meeting the national commitment and, yet, must remain vigilant in our mission; and

WHEREAS: It is altogether fitting that we mark April 2019 as a time for rededication to the spirit and purpose of the national goal of fair housing for all and the renewal of our commitment as citizens to making the promise of fair housing a reality for all Arkansans; and

WHEREAS: It becomes the responsibility of every American to take a personal stand in ensuring that all citizens are afforded an equal opportunity to obtain housing, and when each American takes a stand for justice and fairness, discrimination will no longer exist;

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 April 2019, as

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across the State of Arkansas, and I urge all my fellow citizens to join together to ensure that fair-housing practices and equal opportunity in housing do, in fact, exist in all of our neighborhoods.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 20th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2019.

Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

John Thurston

John Thurston, Secretary Of State