STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas is celebrating Law Week in conjunction with Law Day, an annual commemoration of our Nation's proud heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under the law; and

WHEREAS: Our legal institutions and system of justice depend on popular participation and support to maintain legitimate authority; and

WHEREAS: Americans from all walks of life—public figures and private individuals alike—have reaffirmed in words and deeds our national allegiance to the rule of law; and

WHEREAS: Lawyers and judges recognize that they bear a special responsibility to foster public understanding of the law, our legal institutions, and our commitment to the rule of law; and

WHEREAS: Law Day has been an annual observance since President Dwight Eisenhower established it in 1958 as a day of national dedication to the principle of government under the rule of law; and

WHEREAS: The Law Day 2019 theme, "Free Speech, Free Press, and Free Society," encourages these cornerstones of representative government and calls on us to understand and protect these rights to ensure, as the U.S. Constitution proposes, the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity;

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 29th through May 3rd, 2019, as

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across the State, and I urge all citizens, schools, businesses, and media to use this occasion to acknowledge the importance of our legal and judicial systems.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2019.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary Of State