

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Law Day is a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law, as stated by President Dwight Eisenhower, who established the first nationwide commemoration in 1958; and

WHEREAS: The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances”; and

WHEREAS: The Fourteenth Amendment incorporates the rights established in the First Amendment to apply to state governments; and

WHEREAS: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights states: “Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression: this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers”; and

WHEREAS: The 2019 Law Day theme of “Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society” enables us to reflect on the way that freedom of speech and freedom of the press provide the foundation for our free society;

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 May 1st, 2019, as

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across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to use this occasion to preserve and strengthen the rule of law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 18th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2019.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson", written over a horizontal line.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Thurston", written over a horizontal line.

John Thurston, Secretary Of State