

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: In 1839, the last detachment of Cherokees arrived in Indian Territory after removal from their ancestral homelands in the Southeast by the federal government on the infamous Trail of Tears; and

WHEREAS: This year commemorates the 180th anniversary of the end of that 1,000-mile journey where about 4,000 Cherokees perished along The Place Where They Cried; and

WHEREAS: The will to survive and thrive enabled the Cherokee to rebuild their government in Indian Territory, what is now modern-day Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas is one of the states on the route the Cherokee people traveled in 1838 and 1839; and

WHEREAS: The Cherokee Nation is now the largest tribe in the United States with more than 370,000 citizens, approximately 13,082 of whom are residents of Arkansas;

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 June 16th through June 22nd, 2019, as

TRAIL OF TEARS REMEMBRANCE WEEK

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 15th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2019.


Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest


John Thurston, Secretary Of State