

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: September 17, 2019, marks the 232<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America at the Constitutional Convention, providing a historic opportunity for all Americans to remember the achievements and vision of our Founding Fathers and to reflect on the actions of our fellow citizens, who, for the past 232 years, have defined the words of the Constitution by exercising their rights and responsibilities as citizens; and

WHEREAS: The Constitution is fundamentally predicated on governance by the rule of law, making it essential that citizens understand the Constitution and its framework for the future of our populace and the civic health of our country; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper to officially recognize this remarkable document and the milestone anniversary of its creation, as well as the additions to it in the form of 27 amendments; and

WHEREAS: In recognition of the signing of the Constitution and of Americans who strive to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, the Congress, by joint resolution of February 29, 1952, (36 U.S.C. 106, as amended), designated September 17 as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, and by joint resolution of August 2, 1956, (36 U.S.C. 108, as amended), requested that the President proclaim the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as "Constitution Week"; and

WHEREAS: The independence and freedoms guaranteed to American citizens, whether by birth or naturalization, should be celebrated by appropriate ceremonies and activities during Constitution Week;

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 September 17<sup>th</sup> through September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, as

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across the State of Arkansas, and I urge my fellow citizens to renew and deepen their appreciation of the unique and precious heritage passed on to us in the wisdom and foresight of our Founders through the United States Constitution.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the year of our Lord 2019.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Thurston".  
John Thurston, Secretary Of State