

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the aerospace industry in general have provided significant advances in humankind's understanding of the earth, space, and the universe through space exploration, yielding numerous technology innovations including development of aircraft and spacecraft, satellites, telescopes, and understanding weather patterns on earth; and

WHEREAS: In 1961, President John F. Kennedy promised that, by the end of the decade, the U.S. would land the first man on the moon; and

WHEREAS: On July 20, 1969, the crew of NASA's Apollo 11 completed the goal set by President John F. Kennedy eight years prior and astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first man in human history to set foot on the moon; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas played an important role in NASA's successful 1969 moon landing, and the contributions of Harding University faculty members and students played a significant role in ongoing NASA research; and

WHEREAS: From 1967 to 1979, this team of Harding University faculty members and students conducted 28 space-related physical fitness research experiments focusing on the effects of long-term space flights for NASA's Apollo and Skylab programs. Each of these experiments were carried out on the Harding University campus in support of NASA's space missions; and

WHEREAS: Today, Harding University is one of 17 Arkansas colleges and universities that make up the Arkansas Space Grant Consortium, which continues to advance NASA research; and

WHEREAS: The citizens of the great state of Arkansas are indebted to the brave individuals who have contributed to the work of NASA and its role in space exploration;

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 January 27, 2020, as

NASA DAY IN ARKANSAS

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of our Lord 2020.



*Asa Hutchinson*  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Atte  
*John Thurston*  
John Thurston, Secretary Of State