

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Through her observational studies of children and the manner in which they learn, Dr. Maria Montessori developed an innovative philosophy of education in the early 1900s that continues to influence approaches to learning across our state, the nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS: The Montessori Method allows students to learn and grow at their own pace in a specially designed environment that nurtures the needs and potential of each child; and

WHEREAS: The Montessori program is available to children from birth through the age of eighteen years; and

WHEREAS: This method uses materials, techniques, and observations that support the students' natural development. It encourages their learning, independence, self-confidence, and advances the principles of peace through responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Montessori offered the foundation for the modern, child-centered curriculum, and Montessori schools have led to a positive change in the ways educators, parents, and communities view the children in their care;

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 February 23rd through February 29th, 2020, as

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across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to recognize the valuable contribution of Dr. Montessori's work to the field of education and of Montessori schools to our students 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 29th day of January, in the year of our Lord 2020.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest.



John Thurston, Secretary Of State