TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization, part of the Association of Government Accountants which has a network of 14,000 members in 92 chapters in the United States and around the world and approximately 140 active members representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: AGA Central Arkansas Chapter members have responded to AGA’s mission of advancing government accountability as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Arkansas by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

WHEREAS: The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA’s Code of Ethics and to pass three examinations requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting, and requires each CGFM holder to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years;

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 March 2020, as

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across the State, and I urge all citizens to recognize the dedicated effort put forth by financial managers in our communities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 10th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2020.

Assa Hutchinson, Governor

John Thurston, Secretary Of State