

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansas Alternative Education continues to gain the attention of school districts in Arkansas, in the nation, and internationally, through publications and partnerships, for being a leader in student-focused education with emphasis on school accountability required by virtually every school district in the country; and

WHEREAS: As elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and vocational-education institutions prepare future leaders to become productive citizens, the State of Arkansas continues to find innovative pathways for creating positive outcomes for at-risk students through Alternative Learning Environments (ALE); and

WHEREAS: There are children in every American school who are not succeeding academically. We must recognize those determined students who have chosen to accept the challenge of finding success despite unimaginable barriers in their way; and

WHEREAS: When students are excluded from school, a long-lasting ripple effect occurs. A student's exclusion from learning not only affects that individual, it affects the family, the school, the community, and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS: The partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation educating about the Opioid Epidemic, student-oriented principals, innovative instructors, committed students, and an engaged community will ensure that more students graduate, and fewer students drop out of school; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas is committed to high academic standards, and our citizens have a vested interest in the success of Arkansas's students. Alternative Education is a primary solution for students with temporary challenges;

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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as

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across the State, and I urge all citizens to recognize the many accomplishments of our young people for their determination and their contributions in promoting leadership among their peers, school district, community, our state, and nation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord 2020.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

*John Thurston*

John Thurston, Secretary Of State