

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Small Business and Technology Center provides consulting, market research, and events for potential and existing entrepreneurs and small businesses in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas SBTDC Network works with all types of small businesses, from home-based to high-tech and serves the entire state from seven university-based offices; and

WHEREAS: In the last five years, the Arkansas SBTDC Network consulting services have helped small businesses secure over \$391 million in capital, start 773 new businesses, and support almost 23,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas SBTDC is the state's leading provider of Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Research assistance helping university researchers and small businesses win over \$17.6 million in federal funding since 2013; and

WHEREAS: In the last five years, the Arkansas SBTDC Network has held more than 1,800 entrepreneurial and small business training events for more than 18,000 attendees; and

WHEREAS: Small Business Development Centers have become the nationwide leader in job creation and small business growth, and I wish the Arkansas SBTDC Network on this National SBDC Day continued success in the future.

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 18th, 2020, as

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CENTER DAY IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to celebrate the achievements of small business owners and their employees and encourage the continued development of new small businesses.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 27th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2020.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State