TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Article I of the United States Constitution, as amended by the Fourteenth Amendment, requires an enumeration of the population every ten years in the form of a census; and

WHEREAS: United States Congressmen and Congresswomen are apportioned to the states according to their respective populations; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas General Assembly determines the Congressional Districts for the State of Arkansas using the final enumeration results gathered by the United States Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Apportionment redistricts the Arkansas General Assembly after every decennial census using the final enumeration results gathered by the United States Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS: Direct Taxes are apportioned to the states according to their respective populations; and

WHEREAS: An undercount of Arkansas residents could pose a significant loss to the State in federal assistance, where even a one percent undercount would equate to an estimated loss of $990,000,000 in federal assistance funding formula grant allocations for the next decade; and

WHEREAS: An accurate count of Arkansans is paramount to ensure the State receives a fair allocation of representation in the Nation’s Capital and a fair allocation of resources to fund many of the federal, state, and local programs Arkansas residents utilize each and every year.

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 April 1st, 2020, as

CENSUS DAY

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

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

John Thurston, Secretary Of State