

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires action from everyone in our community; and

WHEREAS: Our state's children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that can have lifelong consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS: Protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS: Effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the meaningful connections and partnerships created between child welfare, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS: Prevention of abuse and neglect remains Arkansas's goal for our children and families; and

WHEREAS: Communities are encouraged to promote programs and activities that benefit children and their families. It is important to work together as a state to increase awareness about child abuse and support the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment;

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 2020, as

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across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in supporting families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening 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 10<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