TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Learning to become effective users of information and ideas is essential as Arkansas’s youth prepare for a future characterized by change; and

WHEREAS: School libraries provide access to information within the school and to resources outside the school; and

WHEREAS: School librarians play a vital role in the teaching and learning process; and

WHEREAS: Promoting competencies in new and developing technologies is an integral part of school library programs; and

WHEREAS: School library programs promote literacy and the enjoyment of reading, viewing, and listening; and

WHEREAS: School library programs are an important asset in the education of the youth of the State;

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

SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH

and encourage all students to explore and take advantage of the services offered at their school libraries, and to express appreciation to those who work there.

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.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary Of State