TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also being making valuable contributions to all aspects of American society; and

WHEREAS: They have brought to America family values, a belief in a strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our republic; and

WHEREAS: Arab Americans share in the entrepreneurial American spirit that make our nation free and prosperous; and

WHEREAS: Arab Americans desire to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe; and

WHEREAS: Many people of Arab descent have traveled to Arkansas in search of opportunity and have enjoyed a rich and proud legacy;

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 urge all citizens to join us in this special observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 26th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2020.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor