

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Our public, academic, school and specialized libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions where people of all ages, interests and backgrounds can come together and learn alongside one another; and

WHEREAS: Libraries of all types are at the heart of their cities, towns, schools, and campuses; and

WHEREAS: Libraries offer members of the community a welcoming space and opportunities to explore new passions through technology, programs and services; and

WHEREAS: Today's libraries are less about what they have on the shelves and more about what they can do with and for their communities; and

WHEREAS: Libraries, which promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all, are cornerstones of democracy; and

WHEREAS: Libraries and librarians work to create an equitable society by providing free access to accurate information to all people; and

WHEREAS: Libraries, librarians, library workers, and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week;

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 19th through April 25th, 2020, as

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

across the State of Arkansas, and I encourage all Arkansans to 'Find Your Place' at the library this week – physically or remotely – and discover who you are through the library's varied array of free materials, programs, and services.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 9th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2020.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor