

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The 69<sup>th</sup> observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2020, with the theme "PRAY GOD'S GLORY Across the Earth" based on Habakkuk 2:14, "for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea"; and

WHEREAS: A National Day of Prayer has been part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775 and the United States Congress in 1952 approved a Joint Resolution setting aside a day each year to pray in our nation; and

WHEREAS: The United States Congress, by Public Law 100-307, in 1988, as amended, affirms that it is essential for us as a nation to pray and direct the President of the United States to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday of May annually as a National day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS: Leaders and all citizens of our nation are afforded the privilege of prayer, affirming our spiritual heritage and the principles upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS: Recognizing the love and power of God, we unite with fellow citizens to exercise the freedom we have to gather in prayer with thankfulness while seeking guidance, provision, protection and purpose for the benefit of every individual and our state as a whole; and

WHEREAS: We specifically thank God for those who defend our freedoms and ask for peace throughout our state, nation, and world.

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 May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as

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across the State, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord 2020.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

*John Thurston*  
John Thurston, Secretary Of State