

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Coach Charles Ripley, famously know as ‘Coach Rip’, was born June 12, 1946, in Little Rock, Arkansas, and is the legendary Parkview Patriots basketball coach, as well as head coach and former athletic director for Arkansas Baptist College. Coach Ripley was deeply loved by his students and many friends; he died June 30, 2020, in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was a respected coach, mentor, and advocate for his students; and

WHEREAS: Coach Ripley joined the Parkview High School Patriots, in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1974 and transformed the basketball program into a national powerhouse during the 1980’s and 1990’s. Coach Ripley went on to lead the Patriots to a 35-1 season in 1991-92 and was ranked No. 4 nationally. Coach Ripley spent 27 years as the Parkview Patriots head coach, where he earned a 487-152 record and took his winning teams to the state championship ten out of his final 12 seasons; and

WHEREAS: In 2006, Coach Ripley was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame and soon after was asked to become head coach and athletic director of Arkansas Baptist College, where he focused on recruiting underserved youth into athletic programs to motivate students to earn a college degree; and

WHEREAS: Coach Charles Ripley focused on mentoring and helping athletes to become leaders throughout his time at Parkview High School and Arkansas Baptist College. Coach Ripley’s guidance and mentorship has lead students to become successful athletes, coaches, and mentors in the NFL, college football, and college basketball; and

WHEREAS: Coach Charles Ripley was a father figure to countless athletes and students alike, who knew him as a man of integrity and commitment, that brought inspiration to all, on and off the court, and across the State of Arkansas and the Nation;

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 June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as

**COACH CHARLES RIPLEY DAY IN ARKANSAS**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, in the year of our Lord 2020.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor