TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: August 16, 2020, marked the 83rd anniversary of the passage of the National Apprenticeship (Fitzgerald) Act, which established the National Registered Apprenticeship System; and

WHEREAS: This Act created a comprehensive system of partnerships among employers, labor, educational institutions, and federal and state governments that has shaped skill training for succeeding generation of U.S. workers; and

WHEREAS: Apprenticeship training provides this state with highly-trained and efficient craft workers; and

WHEREAS: This state has shown a growth rate of over 12 percent in registered apprentices and six percent growth in number of new apprenticeship programs over this fiscal year, surpassing the national average; and

WHEREAS: It is appropriate for Arkansas to recognize the efforts of many on behalf of apprenticeship training and those who are actively seeking a better future through apprenticeship;

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 November 8th through November 14th, 2020, as

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 27th day of October, in the year of our Lord 2020.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor