

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas is strongly committed to making post-secondary education and training available and accessible to every willing and eligible Arkansas student; and

WHEREAS: A high school diploma will no longer guarantee a reasonably high-paying job in the United States. As more of Arkansas's young people become better educated and equipped to succeed in today's workplace, the greater the prospects will be for their economic well-being and for the economic growth of our communities and our state; and

WHEREAS: Studies show that higher levels of education also correlate with increased levels of civic participation, including volunteer work and voting; and

WHEREAS: Each year, a network of student financial assistance programs provide high-school graduates affordable opportunities to pursue their dreams of attaining college degrees and achieving personal and professional goals through grants, scholarships, loans, and jobs; and

WHEREAS: Student financial aid administrators across the state provide students, parents, and the general public with a series of informational programs to educate them about the availability of financial assistance; and


WHEREAS: The annual observance of Financial Aid Awareness Month increases public knowledge of the various types of aid available to help students and families afford higher education;

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 October 2021, as


**FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS MONTH**

across the State of Arkansas, and I encourage Arkansans to learn more about financial assistance programs and to recognize the important role of financial-aid professionals.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord 2021.

  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor



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John Thurston, Secretary of State