

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Injuries are the leading cause of death and disability to U.S. children one- to eighteen-years-old; and

WHEREAS: Injuries are a significant problem in Arkansas as the State ranks in the top five across the U.S. for deaths of children 1- to 14-years-old and in the top ten for teenagers 15- to 19-years-old; and

WHEREAS: Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death for children in the State, and Arkansas's infant and child mortality rates are extremely high compared to the rest of the country; and

WHEREAS: While the number of injuries and deaths vary across the State, every county in Arkansas is impacted by these events; and

WHEREAS: Many of these injuries and deaths are preventable with the use of safety practices and equipment; and

WHEREAS: Hospitals, state agencies, community organizations, and other partners are crucial in promoting safe practices; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas is committed to promoting efforts in reducing injuries among children;

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 18, 2021, as


**NATIONAL INJURY PREVENTION DAY IN ARKANSAS**

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to learn more about how to reduce injuries in children 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord 2021.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
John Thurston, Secretary of State