

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS: Children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive an education that enables them to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally; and
- WHEREAS: Schools can more effectively ensure that all students are able to learn when they meet the needs of the whole child and provide integrated, multitiered supports; and
- WHEREAS: Children’s mental health is directly linked to their learning and development, and the learning environment provides an optimal context to promote good mental health through connectedness within the school and community; and
- WHEREAS: Sound psychological principles are integral to instruction and learning, school safety, social and emotional development, prevention, early intervention, and support of culturally diverse student populations; and
- WHEREAS: School psychologists are specially trained to foster and deliver, in the school and the community, a continuum of mental health services and academic supports that lower barriers to teaching and learning; and
- WHEREAS: School psychology specialists help children thrive by nurturing their individual strengths across both personal and academic endeavors; and
- WHEREAS: School psychology specialists are trained to assess student and school-based barriers to learning and individual strengths, utilize data-based decision-making, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, and evaluate outcomes and improve accountability; and


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 9th through November 13th, 2021, as

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across the State, and I call upon all citizens and organizations to recognize the vital role that school psychology specialists play in the personal and academic development of our state’s children.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 13th day of September, in the year of our Lord 2021.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


John Thurston, Secretary of State