TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Residents of assisted living communities are active members of the larger community, offering their knowledge and life experiences to countless individuals. Their past and present contributions continue to be a vital part of the rich history of Arkansas, and their ongoing participation deepens our legacy of independence; and

WHEREAS: Assisted living is a critical long-term care option for older adults and individuals with disabilities that fosters choice, dignity, and individuality; and

WHEREAS: Assisted living communities are committed to excellence, innovation, and the advancement of person-centered care; and

WHEREAS: Since 1995, individuals and organizations across the nation have dedicated a specific week to recognize the importance of assisted living communities in providing long term care to America’s seniors and those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: During this special week, assisted living communities are encouraged to organize activities and events which celebrate the dedication of staff, the individuality of residents, and the deep connections formed in these settings;

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 September 11th through September 17th, 2022, as

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across the state, and I urge all citizens to visit or call a loved one, family member, or friend residing in any care setting and to participate in various activities that unite those from all walks of life in need of our continuing love and support. It is important to learn more about how assisted living services improve the quality of life for others, thereby benefiting the State of Arkansas as a whole.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 22nd day of April, in the year of our Lord 2022.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

John Thurston, Secretary of State