

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Blue Star Families seeks to empower military families by connecting them with their neighbors, including individuals and organizations, to create communities of mutual support; and

WHEREAS: Blue Star Families annually designates a week beginning the last Saturday in September and concluding eight days thereafter as “Blue Star Welcome Week”; and

WHEREAS: During this week, we recognize the 600,000 active-duty and transitioning military families who move to new communities each year; and

WHEREAS: Nearly half of these permanent change of station (PCS) moves occur during the summer; and

WHEREAS: Only 30% of military family respondents to the 2021 Military Family Lifestyle Survey reported that they feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community; and

WHEREAS: A sense of belonging is essential to the wellbeing and readiness of military families; and

WHEREAS: We commit to ensuring that military and veteran-connected families feel a strong sense of belonging to their local civilian communities; and

WHEREAS: We express gratitude for the sacrifices made by service members, transitioning veterans, and their families;

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 24th through October 2nd, 2022, as


BLUE STAR WELCOME WEEK

across the state, and I encourage Arkansans to welcome military and veteran-connected families into their communities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 9th day of June, in the year of our Lord 2022.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


John Thurston, Secretary of State