

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The expense of a post-secondary education continues to rise; and

WHEREAS: One of the top reasons cited for students being unable to start or complete a post-secondary education is the expense of such education; and

WHEREAS: Planning and saving for the cost of a post-secondary education is essential to ensuring the access and completion of such education; and

WHEREAS: 529 plans are widely recognized as effective programs to save for higher education; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas provides The Arkansas Brighter Future 529 Plan as an affordable, tax-advantaged, education savings program for the people of Arkansas to save and plan for their children's future education; and

WHEREAS: Nearly 50,000 families are participating in the Arkansas Brighter Future 529 Plan and have a collective amount of more than \$1 billion invested in their children's education; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Brighter Future 529 Plan can be used to pay for qualified educational expenses at any two-year or four-year college, university, vocational, or technical institution, or for student loan debt and qualified apprenticeship programs;

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 2022, as

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across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to recognize the benefits of attaining a higher education and to begin saving for their children's educations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 26th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2022.



Attest:

John Thurston
John Thurston, Secretary of State

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Asa Hutchinson, Governor