

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Our natural resources provide the energy needed to sustain the quality of life and well-being of the people of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: The State seeks to promote the development of its natural resources while minimizing waste through programs and legislation that encourage increased competition, thereby taking a free market-oriented approach; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan strategically outlines the disbursement of \$54 million to deploy charging stations across the state; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas is uniquely positioned to be the leader in this space and is taking steps to create a climate of innovation, as illustrated by the creation of the Future Mobility Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS: The increase in energy prices, from gasoline to residential needs, has escalated to levels that overburden commerce, hurt economic growth, and cause hardship to the state's citizens; and

WHEREAS: Advanced energy technologies provide a choice and relief to a rapidly growing number of individuals; and

WHEREAS: Private industry stakeholders are becoming increasingly invested in the adoption of electrification and advanced energy technologies, including plug-in electric vehicles, energy efficiency, and renewable energy generation, which reduces our dependence on foreign fuels and supports a healthy environment and economy; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas is dedicated to becoming a leader in the use of advanced energy, establishing policies and programs that save money and increase efficiency;

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 October 2022, as

ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I urge all citizens to acknowledge the vital role of the exploration and production of our natural resources, and to recognize the efforts of the state's regulatory agencies that oversee this activity for the protection of our citizens' health and safety and our environment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 3rd day of October, in the year of our Lord 2022.



John Thurston
John Thurston, Secretary of State

Asa Hutchinson
Asa Hutchinson, Governor