

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Friends of Arkansas libraries and local Friends of Library groups across the state are dedicated to the support of libraries as institutions essential to democracy and life-long learning; and

WHEREAS: Friends of Arkansas Libraries help local Friends groups support their libraries in integrating the library thoroughly with the life and work of the community it serves; and

WHEREAS: Friends groups advocate for funding that will provide libraries with the necessary print and electronic materials, expert assistance in research, technology equipment, and services for all ages from the very young to the senior citizen; and

WHEREAS: Friends groups promote the joys and benefits of literacy, learning and economic well-being for Arkansans of all ages by investing time and effort in raising supplementary funds to enhance library resources and programming; and

WHEREAS: Friends groups also volunteer many hours of work to help libraries provide services and materials to their patrons; and

WHEREAS: The gifts of time and commitment by Friends of Libraries in Arkansas set a positive example of civic engagement, benefiting both volunteers and their communities;

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 16<sup>th</sup> through October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, as

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK IN ARKANSAS**


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2022.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:

  
John Thurston, Secretary of State