

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Incarcerated youth in the United States face immense challenges which can affect all aspects of their lives and many lack active role models and mentors; and

WHEREAS: Juvenile officers are charged with rehabilitating court-involved youth through careful, extensive evaluation which determines an individual's risk level and criminogenic needs. After adjudication, the juvenile officer works to connect the youth and their family to available services and resources; and

WHEREAS: Court-involved youth frequently stay in touch with their Juvenile Probation Officer even after their cases close thanks to the rapport and understanding that is built between individuals; and

WHEREAS: Juvenile officers are trained extensively in their certification and must complete a minimum of 12 continuing education hours per calendar year; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas currently has 237 juvenile officers spread across all 75 counties and has caseloads of up to 100; and

WHEREAS: The Administrative Office of the Courts Juvenile Division supports and trains these officers, and while the job can be stressful and discouraging, these officers pour care, structure, commitment, and service into every individual;


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 May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, as


**ARKANSAS JUVENILE OFFICERS APPRECIATION DAY**

across the state, and I urge all citizens to recognize the valuable contributions these individuals make to supporting and assisting the next generation of Arkansans.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord 2022.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
John Thurston, Secretary of State