

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and

WHEREAS: Bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and online through technology such as cell phones; and

WHEREAS: Various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

WHEREAS: Targets of bullying are at increased risk for depression, anxiety, sleep difficulties, lower academic achievement, and dropping out of school, and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear activities such as riding the bus, going to school, interacting online, and attending community events; and

WHEREAS: Individuals who bully as others as children are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

WHEREAS: Children with disabilities are more likely to be bullied than their nondisabled peers; and

WHEREAS: Children who witness bullying often feel less secure and more fearful and intimidated;

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

NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to be engaged in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer and kinder for all children, adolescents, and adults of all abilities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 6th day of October, in the year of our Lord 2022.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston

John Thurston, Secretary of State