TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The 71st observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 5th, 2022, with the theme “Exalt The Lord Who Has Established Us,” based on Colossians 2:6-7: "Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude,"; and

WHEREAS: A National Day of Prayer has been part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775 and the United States Congress in 1952 approved a Joint Resolution setting aside a day each year to pray in our nation; and

WHEREAS: The United States Congress, by Public Law 100-307, in 1988, as amended, affirms that it is essential for us as a nation to pray and direct the President of the United States to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday of May annually as a National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS: Leaders and all citizens of our nation are afforded the privilege of prayer, affirming our spiritual heritage and the principles upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS: Recognizing the love and power of God, we unite with fellow citizens to exercise the freedom we have to gather in prayer with thankfulness while seeking guidance, provision, protection and purpose for the benefit of every individual and our state as a whole; and

WHEREAS: We specifically thank God for those who defend our freedoms and ask for peace throughout our state, nation, and world;

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 5th, 2022, as

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across the state, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 23rd day of February, in the year of our Lord 2022.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

John Thurston, Secretary of State