

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Just like those who came before us, it is our duty to protect the children of this state and maintain communities in which they may all be given the opportunity to succeed; and

WHEREAS: We must all work earnestly to create courageous and supportive environments that acknowledge the traumatic past, promote the healing of the wounds created by racial and ethnic bias, and build an equitable and just society so that all of Arkansas's children can thrive; and

WHEREAS: Children have the right to be provided every opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in nurturing environments that do not violate their safety, dignity, and humanity; and

WHEREAS: Every single person has the opportunity to exhibit an act of kindness to make a simple change within themselves that can have a profound effect on an entire society; and

WHEREAS: If we all dedicate ourselves to the principles of truth, racial healing, and transformation, we can all bring about the necessary changes in thinking and behavior that will propel this great state forward as a unified force where racial biases will become a thing of the past; and

WHEREAS: Racial healing is a vital and crucial commitment to the education, social, mental, and overall well-being of all citizens in the State of Arkansas, particularly children; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas, in conjunction with others throughout the United States of America, acknowledges January 18, 2022, as the "National Day of Racial Healing," and urges all citizens to promote racial healing and transformation in the ways that are best suited for them individually, as a means of working together to ensure the best quality of life for every child;

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 January 18, 2022, as

NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 29th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2021.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Thurston".

John Thurston, Secretary of State