

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The death of a loved one is a difficult experience, and the murder of a child is especially devastating; and

WHEREAS: As a nation devoted to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness, the United States must focus attention on the families of crime victims who are left to deal with great pain and sorrow in the absence of their cherished loved one; and

WHEREAS: The friends and families of victims of murder cope with grief through a variety of support services including counseling, crisis intervention, professional referrals, and assistance in dealing with the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS: On May 14, 2007, the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States passed House Resolution 223 to demonstrate support for the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance that recognizes the significant benefits of organizations that provide services to the parents and other loved ones of murdered victims; and

WHEREAS: The designation of a National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Murder on September 25<sup>th</sup> of each year provides an opportunity for the people of the United States to honor those who have been torn away from their lives by homicide and to recognize the effects such tragedies have on surviving family members; and

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 September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as

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across the State, and I encourage all Arkansans to join me in remembering the victims who have been murdered and their families, and to support programs that help those who have been devastated by violent tragedies.

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 July, in the year of our Lord 2022.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

*John Thurston*

John Thurston, Secretary of State