

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Throughout our country's history, American Indian and Alaska-Native peoples have been an integral part of the American character. These first people of our continent remain a vital cultural, political, and social presence; and

WHEREAS: Tribal America has brought to this great nation certain values and ideas that inform the American spirit, including the knowledge that humans can thrive and prosper while still preserving and protecting the natural environment and that diversity can be a source of strength, rather than division; and

WHEREAS: The customs and traditions of Native Americans are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS: Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George H.W. Bush in August of 1990, designating the month of November as what is now known as National Native American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS: In honor of National Native American Heritage Month, community celebrations, as well as numerous cultural, artistic, educational, and historical activities are planned across the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas and as required by state law, do hereby proclaim November 2022, as

**NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN ARKANSAS**

and I call upon the citizens of the State to commemorate the unique spiritual, artistic, and literary contributions of Native Americans, together with their vibrant customs and celebrations that enliven and enrich our land.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord 2022.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

*John Thurston*

John Thurston, Secretary of State