TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Over 500 Arkansas parole and probation officers work tirelessly with professionalism, integrity, and courage to make the state a safer place to live and work; and

WHEREAS: Community supervision is an essential part of our public safety system; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas parole and probation officers supervise over 67,000 offenders to keep our communities safe; and

WHEREAS: Parole and probation officers have been among the many frontline workers providing care for high-risk populations during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS: Parole and probation officers uphold the law with dignity and recognize the right of the public to be safeguarded from criminal activity; and

WHEREAS: These officers are essential to providing reentry opportunities for offenders and promote prevention, intervention, and treatment opportunities; and

WHEREAS: Community corrections professionals also provide services, support, and protection for victims, making them a true force for positive change in Arkansas communities;

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 July 17th through July 23rd, 2022, as

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and I encourage all Arkansans to recognize the important role these individuals play in keeping our state safe.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 11th day of July, in the year of our Lord 2022.