

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: There are over 61 million people with disabilities of all ages living in communities throughout the United States and there are 81,000 people with disabilities of all ages living in the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: There are over 38 million Americans with disabilities are eligible voters; and

WHEREAS: The disability community has a critical interest in policies enacted at local, state, and national levels that affect the integration of people with disabilities, young and old, into our communities; and

WHEREAS: Getting the disability community involved in influencing public policies is essential if these policies are to meet the real needs of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Voting is one way for the disability community to exert their influence at local, state, and national elections; and

WHEREAS: There are multiple efforts to develop state disability coalitions around the topic of voting; and

WHEREAS: R.E.V. U.P. America (Register-Educate-Vote-Use your Power) is a national effort to encourage state and local disability community voting coalitions; and

WHEREAS: Members of national disability rights community are organizing a National Disability Voter Registration Week (NDVRW) September 13 to 20, 2021;

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 13th through September 20th, 2021, as

NATIONAL DISABILITY VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to support the involvement of the disability community in the political process.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7th day of September, in the year of our Lord 2021.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

John Thurston, Secretary Of State