

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: For over 50 years, computer software, technology, and related services have supported the growth of Arkansas and flowed from Arkansas to meet the needs of the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS: Today, there is great activity in education, research, the entrepreneurial ecosystem, startups, and established enterprises to continue the innovation and improve the future, including national leadership in computer science education, expanded resources for startups, and globally attractive Accelerators; and

WHEREAS: Autumn 2021 features numerous events, sponsored by the State's Entrepreneurial Support Organizations, state and local government agencies, and non-profits; and

WHEREAS: Autumn 2021 shifts many events to a virtual platform, creating opportunities for broader participation and engagement and providing occasion to recognize the responses of Arkansas technology to assist in the current COVID-19 challenge; and

WHEREAS: These events and activities are all working in the same direction. Techttober links these events, encourages others to create events, helps each reach a larger audience, and helps Arkansas build our technology future on the foundation of our technology heritage;

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 October 2021, as

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across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of technology in Arkansas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord 2021.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

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*John Thurston*  
John Thurston, Secretary of State