

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Professional truck drivers deliver goods to every home, community, school, and business in Arkansas. Over 86 percent of Arkansas communities depend solely on the trucking industry for their goods and commodities, including essentials, such as groceries, medical supplies, and fuel; and

WHEREAS: There are more than 36,000 professional truck drivers in Arkansas, delivering everything from seeds and livestock for local farmers, to books and technology for neighborhood schools; and

WHEREAS: Even as many Arkansans are adjusting to new ways of working, learning, exercising, and even socializing, truck drivers are continuing to do what they do best day-in and day-out—connecting Arkansans to all the things we need to live our lives; and

WHEREAS: These men and women log 5.5 billion miles annually, and last year, delivered 92 percent of the state’s freight tonnage, or over 146,280 tons each day, supporting communities and businesses both large and small in every region of the State; and

WHEREAS: At the peak of the pandemic, truck drivers delivered life-saving vaccines to Arkansans, bringing hope and health back to the state.

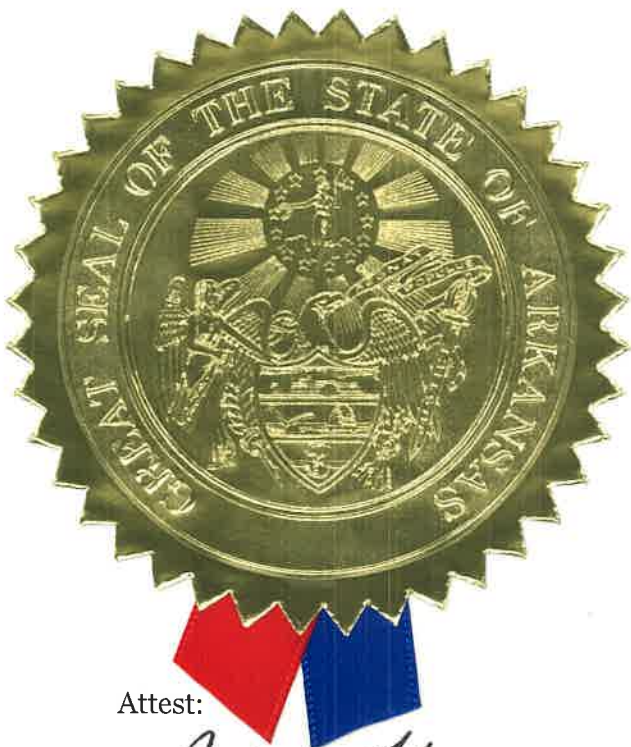
WHEREAS: In times of prosperity or times of crisis, the State’s and our Nation’s economy rides on the shoulders of professional drivers who bring what we need every day to thrive and survive, build, and rebuild our lives across Arkansas.

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 12th through September 18th, 2021, as

TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to join me in this observance.

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



Asa Hutchinson
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston
John Thurston, Secretary of State