

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: In 1947, the state of Arkansas was assigned the 501 area code as part of the original North American Numbering Plan for telephone numbers, which served the entire state until the introduction of the 870 area code in 1995 and the 479 area code in 2002; and

WHEREAS: Today, the 501 area code serves central Arkansas, including the counties of Cleburne, Conway, Faulkner, Garland, Hot Spring, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, Saline, Van Buren, and White; and

WHEREAS: Over the years, 501 has become more than just an area code, but a symbol of the vibrant heart of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: The central Arkansas region is home to breathtaking natural scenery, charming small towns, bustling business districts, and the capital city of the state; and

WHEREAS: Various cities, chambers of commerce, and community organizations throughout the 501 area code have identified May 1st, or 5/01, as a day to celebrate the people, businesses, shopping, food, attractions, recreation opportunities, and the special qualities of living in the 501; and

WHEREAS: On May 1st, 2021, cities and businesses throughout the 501 will have special 501-themed offerings, activities, and events, encouraging people to explore the beautiful central Arkansas region; and

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 May 1st, 2021, as

501 DAY

across the state, and I encourage the residents and businesses of central Arkansas and beyond to join me in celebrating the advantages of living in and traveling to the 501.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 26th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2021.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:


John Thurston, Secretary of State