TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: March is American Red Cross Month, a time when we recognize the humanitarian organization that eases people’s suffering during life's emergencies in Arkansas, across the United States, and around the world. The American Red Cross in Arkansas has a long history of helping our neighbors in need by delivering shelter, care, and hope during disasters; making our community safer through its lifesaving Home Fire Campaign; providing lifesaving blood; teaching skills that save lives; and supporting military, veterans, and their families. During this Red Cross Month, we thank and honor the selfless volunteers, dedicated employees, and generous supporters who make this compassionate work possible; and

WHEREAS: During the trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic, people have stepped up to help others in need, whether it was responding to this year’s record-breaking disasters across the country or rolling up their sleeves to give blood when our country faced a severe blood shortage. Last year, the Red Cross trained more than 16,000 individuals in lifesaving skills and collected over 17,500 units of blood and blood products for patients suffering life-threatening emergencies. Furthermore, volunteers installed over 1,800 free smoke alarms in Arkansas homes and provided over 4,400 critical services to our armed forces, veterans, and their families; and

WHEREAS: Every day, people in our community depend on the American Red Cross, whose lifesaving mission is powered by the devotion of volunteers, generosity of donors, and partnership of community organizations. On the 140th anniversary of the American Red Cross, founded by Clara Barton in 1881, we dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance her legacy, and we ask others to join in their commitment to care for people in need;

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 the month of March 2021, as

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across the state, I encourage all Arkansans to support their noble humanitarian mission.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 24th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2021.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary of State