TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Advanced energy technologies, including but not limited to energy efficiency, solar, wind, natural gas electric generation, battery storage, electric vehicles, and alternative fuels, are innovations that make our energy supply more secure, clean, and affordable; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas is home to more than 770 advanced energy companies. These companies report annual sales of more than $1.7 billion and employ roughly 16,000 workers; and

WHEREAS: Another 9,300 advanced energy jobs in related industries that account for $1.1 billion in sales brings the total impact of advanced energy on the Arkansas economy to 25,300 workers and $2.8 billion in economic output, according to an analysis by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Arkansas Economic Development Institute; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas businesses, public entities, and homeowners are utilizing advanced energy resources in increasing numbers in order to meet customer expectations, generate economic development and control costs; and

WHEREAS: There is clear evidence that advanced energy technologies are producing jobs, saving energy, and expanding the Arkansas economy;

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 February 9th, 2021, as

ARKANSAS ADVANCED ENERGY DAY

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 21st day of January, in the year of our Lord 2021.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary Of State