

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Audiologists and speech language pathologists in Arkansas observe and celebrate Better Hearing and Speech Month each year during the month of May; and

WHEREAS: Audiology and speech language pathology services throughout our nation help to enable and empower individuals with communication disorders to lead independent, productive, and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas recognizes and values the efforts of all who work to eliminate or minimize the isolating effects communication disorders can have on the one in ten families affected by them; and

WHEREAS: Those citizens of Arkansas who have overcome their communication disabilities through the services of dedicated audiologists and speech language pathologists should be recognized; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas is proud and honored to have over 2,500 audiologists and speech language pathologists offering quality education and health services to its citizens;

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 2021, as

**BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH**

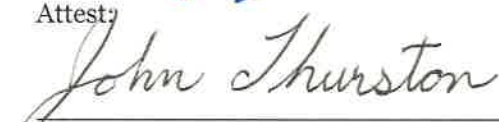
across the state, and I encourage all citizens to recognize the achievements of audiologists and speech language pathologists in improving the quality of life for people with communication disorders.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord 2021.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

  
John Thurston, Secretary of State