

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Public knowledge of civics is imperative so that citizens know what government is, how it works, the principles upon which it was founded, how it affects the lives of Americans, and how constituents can influence it; and

WHEREAS: Study of the history, workings, influences, organizations, and evolution of United States political thought, governmental systems, and political processes is the very core of citizenship and civic duty; and

WHEREAS: The importance of civics awareness in Arkansas is to inform students of the true American experiment: our system of limited government and its checks and balances were designed to promote democratic ideals. It all starts with the individual; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas remains committed to teaching students to be knowledgeable of the key points of US history and civics; and

WHEREAS: It is important to embolden all of Arkansas's students, educators, parents, and guardians to participate fully in civics awareness, so they remain cognizant and discerning;

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 October 2021, as

**CIVICS AWARENESS MONTH**

across the state and encourage all citizens to increase their knowledge of civics in order to participate more fully in our democratic systems.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the year of our Lord 2021.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



John Thurston, Secretary of State