TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME — GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: It is vital that students in Arkansas are prepared to enter the future workforce, especially careers related to computer science and technology. Course curriculum that gives students confidence is working with technology will benefit all students; and

WHEREAS: Education Accelerated by Service and Technology (EAST) functions as an integral part of the technology curriculum in all levels of education to help students promote technology driven, student led, service based, and collaborative education; and

WHEREAS: EAST students, facilitators, alumni, and sponsors are dedicated to developing a steady supply of young professionals to meet the growing need in the business and technology industry and prepare students to be servant leaders in their communities; and

WHEREAS: Upon the 25th anniversary of EAST, we celebrate technology education in Arkansas, and we recognize the beliefs that drive EAST students to success. In order to learn most effectively, students should take responsibility for their own learning when given the opportunity, students should be actively engaged in solving problems in the community, and students should be given access to relevant resources and tools to use in problem solving; and

WHEREAS: By empowering students to serve their communities through education and technology, students are able to collaborate with others to grow and become positive agents of change;

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 March 14th through March 20th, 2021, as

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across the state, and I encourage Arkansans of all ages to explore the relationship between technology, education, and service.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 11th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2021.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary of State