

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Part of our nation’s rich history includes pioneer men and women, often referred to as cowboys and cowgirls; and

WHEREAS: The quintessential cowboy or cowgirl embodies integrity, respect, a strong work ethic, and patriotism, and plays a significant role in the culture and economy of the United States; and

WHEREAS: Many ranchers across the country, along with cowboys, contribute to the economic well-being of communities in America; and

WHEREAS: Cowboys established the rodeo, which is one of the most-watched sports in the United States and is popular across generations and among people of all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS: The first cowboy movie star, “Bronco Billy” Anderson, stage name for Gilbert Maxwell Aronson, was born and raised in Little Rock, Arkansas, and paved the way for other great cowboy actors, including John Wayne, Gary Cooper, Roy Rogers, Buck Jones, and Tom Mix. Anderson was awarded a special Oscar by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in 1958. Gail Davis, an Arkansas-born actress, was also the legendary sharpshooter in the groundbreaking TV Western series *Annie Oakley*;

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 July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as

NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities honoring those strong and honorable individuals who, by their efforts and contributions, have earned the titles of cowboy and cowgirl.

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



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

*John Thurston*  
John Thurston, Secretary Of State