

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: National Family Literacy Day, established by the 103<sup>rd</sup> Congress in 1994, and now marking its 26th anniversary on November 1, 2020, highlights the importance of reading and learning for the entire family and emphasizes the impact that parents have on their child's learning; and

WHEREAS: This day is celebrated across America each year, and focuses on special activities and events that showcase the importance of family literacy programs that empower families and build a nation of readers; and

WHEREAS: Literacy programs across the United States observe National Family Literacy Day by holding read-a-thons, book drives, workshops and family activities at schools, libraries, and community centers to encourage literacy; and

WHEREAS: As many as one in six adults struggle with reading and writing, and by learning to read, individuals can gain self-respect and confidence and strive toward goals that otherwise would not be achievable;

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 November 1, 2020, as

**NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY IN ARKANSAS**

across the State, and I encourage Arkansans to emphasize the importance of literacy, to celebrate the joy of reading, to promote literacy by reading together as a family, and to extend a deep appreciation to our local librarians, educators, and literacy service providers for their tireless efforts to strengthen the literacy of our children and our communities.

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 August, in the year of our Lord 2020.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor