

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Cities across the Nation have been plagued by numerous problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other forms of drug abuse, leading to the United States Congress's establishment of the Red Ribbon Campaign in 1988 to encourage drug-free lifestyles and involvement in drug-abuse prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS: The red ribbon was chosen as a symbol commemorating the work of Enrique Kiki Camarena, an agent of the Drug Enforcement Administration, who was murdered in the line of duty. The red ribbon has come to represent the belief that one person CAN make a difference; and

WHEREAS: There is hope of winning the war on drugs, and that hope lies in the hard work and determination of people in our communities to create a drug-free environment. Success will not occur overnight, but our patience and continued commitment to drug education and prevention is imperative; and

WHEREAS: Local leaders in government and in the community know that the support of people in their neighborhoods is the most effective tool in the effort to reduce the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs by Arkansans;

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 23rd through October 31st, 2020, as

NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to wear red ribbons and to participate in drug-free activities throughout the week, joining the rest of the Nation in promoting the Red Ribbon Celebration and a drug-free Arkansas and America.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 27th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2020.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor