

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Americans are dedicated to improving their quality of life and social well-being as they pursue the American Dream with entrepreneurial innovation and determination. Small business owners are among the true champions of our great American success story; and

WHEREAS: From the Industrial Revolution to the Information Age, small businesses have driven a stronger American economy and led the way in technology and innovation; and

WHEREAS: Small businesses are the foundations of our communities and the backbone of the Arkansas economy. In 2021, there were over 75,000 small businesses, with less than 100 workers, that employed over 462,000 Arkansans; and

WHEREAS: The men and women who own and operate our small businesses have made, and continue to make, a vital contribution to Arkansas economic power and success; and

WHEREAS: These entrepreneurs possess many of the characteristics that have always defined the American spirit; a fierce independence, an amazing work ethic, and an unbending commitment to building a better life. Taking risks to fulfill their visions, they have made a profound and positive impact on the lives and futures of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS: These businesses demonstrate by their achievements and success that the promise of the American dream is within the grasp of every one of our citizens;

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 May 1st through May 7th, 2022, as

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across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to celebrate the achievements of small business owners and their employees and encourage the continued development of new small businesses.

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 2022.



Attest:

John Thurston
John Thurston, Secretary of State

Asa Hutchinson
Asa Hutchinson, Governor