

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Schools make substantial contributions to the future of Arkansas and to the development of our state's young people as knowledgeable, responsible, and productive citizens; and

WHEREAS: Excellence in education is dependent on safe, secure, and peaceful school settings; and

WHEREAS: The safety and well-being of many students, teachers, and school staff are unnecessarily jeopardized by crime and violence, such as substance abuse, gangs, bullying, poor discipline, vandalism, and absenteeism, in our schools; and

WHEREAS: It is the responsibility of all citizens to enhance the learning experiences of young people by helping to ensure fair and effective discipline, promote good citizenship, and generally make school safe and secure; and

WHEREAS: All leaders especially those in education, law enforcement, government, and business should eagerly collaborate with each other to make school safety a priority, and identify, develop, and promote innovative answers to these critical issues, while seeking to provide all of Arkansas's school children with the opportunity to reach their academic potential; and

WHEREAS: The observance of Arkansas Safe Schools Week will substantially promote efforts to provide all our state's schools with positive and safe learning climates;

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 17<sup>th</sup> through October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, as

ARKANSAS SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord 2020.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor