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Governor Hutchinson Proclaims September Arkansas Volunteer Month

Governor Asa Hutchinson has proclaimed September “Arkansas Volunteer Month” to honor the state’s thousands of volunteers who donate their time and talents to improve life in Arkansas. During the month, organizations throughout the state will give special recognition to their volunteers. This year, the theme “**Celebrate Service**” has been adopted.

Sherry Middleton, director of the DHS Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support, explains, “Arkansas volunteers contribute abilities and resources to provide services and problem-solving skills to people and communities throughout the Natural State. These volunteers constitute Arkansas’ most precious natural resource. It is the spirit of helping one another that we hope to promote, and it is those who have demonstrated this spirit that we hope to recognize during this month.”

Each year, Arkansas volunteers provide thousands of hours of service in their communities. The DHS division asks organizations to keep track of their volunteers’ efforts and compiles that information and the dollar value of these services provided all over the state. An annual report detailing the division’s findings, produced in cooperation with the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, will be released during Arkansas Volunteer Month.

The DHS Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support is the nation’s oldest state office of volunteerism. This Division promotes and supports volunteerism in the private, nonprofit and government sectors, as a means of enhancing the quality of life for all Arkansans. For more information about Arkansas Volunteer Month, call DeKitra Ross-Larry at DHS DCSNS, 501-682-7540.

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