

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansans with and without disabilities work together, play together, worship together, learn together, and grow together; and

WHEREAS: Every person, regardless of ability, has valuable strengths, capacity to learn, and the potential to make important contributions to their local communities; and

WHEREAS: People with developmental disabilities in Arkansas share with all of the state's residents the desire to achieve personal success through education, meaningful work, and family and community ties; and

WHEREAS: Families of people with developmental disabilities deserve our admiration and recognition for their caring commitment and ongoing support that are both essential to an independent and productive life; and

WHEREAS: Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month has been established to promote awareness and understanding of the opportunities, challenges, and needs of persons with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Celebrating the abilities and contributions of people with developmental disabilities can only serve to enrich our community and enhance our diversity;

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 March 2022, as

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

across the state, and I invite all citizens to observe this month and celebrate the contributions of individuals with developmental disabilities who have enriched 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of our Lord 2022.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
John Thurston, Secretary of State