

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: On average, flooding and flash flooding are a leading cause of weather-related damage across the nation and throughout Arkansas and have resulted in the loss of life of Arkansans and have caused damage to homes, businesses, and farmland throughout every part of the state. Flood Safety Awareness Week creates an important opportunity for every resident of Arkansas to prepare their homes, places of business, and communities for flooding; and

WHEREAS: The National Weather Service, the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management, the Arkansas Natural Resources Division, and the Arkansas Floodplain Management Association, along with other federal, state, local, private, and volunteer agencies, are working to increase public activities in preparing for flooding and educating individuals on where to find information and how to take action; and

WHEREAS: Planning and preparing are the initial keys to reducing loss of life and property. Emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every Arkansas citizen. All Arkansans are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together as a team to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of every type. Investing in our own preparedness and that of our families, businesses, and hometowns can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our communities and in our nation; and

WHEREAS: We encourage every Arkansan to remember to “Turn Around, Don’t Drown” when they come to a flooded road or area, as this could save someone’s life;


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 16<sup>th</sup> through March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as

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across the State, and I encourage all citizens to participate in Flood Safety Awareness Week activities and become more prepared for flooding.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord 2020.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
John Thurston, Secretary Of State