

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: School lunch programs help children focus on their potential instead of the next time they'll receive a meal; and

WHEREAS: The National School Lunch Program was established under the National School Lunch Act, signed by President Harry Truman in 1946, to "safeguard the health and well-being of the Nation's children"; and

WHEREAS: The National School Lunch Program has served our nation admirably for over 70 years through advanced practices and nutrition education; and

WHEREAS: School lunch program workers and volunteers around the State of Arkansas are dedicated to the health and well-being of our state's children; and

WHEREAS: The National School Lunch Program has been joined through the years by many other excellent child feeding programs, and there is evidence of continued need for nutrition education and awareness of the value of school nutrition programs; and

WHEREAS: Congress designated the week beginning on the second Sunday in October each year as National School Lunch Week to emphasize the importance of food security in our youth;

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 15<sup>th</sup> through October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as

**NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK IN ARKANSAS**

across the State, and I encourage all citizens to become aware and concerned about their children's and their own nutrition habits, in hope of achieving a more healthful citizenry for today and the future.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2018.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor