

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The service men and women of Arkansas and of the United States Military are fighting for peace and democracy in outposts around the globe, and the State of Arkansas realizes the value of caring for and celebrating the children of our service members; and

WHEREAS: In 1986, Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger established the Defense Department's commemoration of the Month of the Military Child, recognizing the importance of Military Families and their children, the daily sacrifices they make, and the challenges they overcome; and

WHEREAS: More than 18,000 Arkansas Military Children face obstacles unique to their situations including having a parent (or parents) deployed for extended periods of time and frequently being uprooted from school, as well as living with uncertainty about and concern for their parents on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS: The Month of the Military Child stresses the significance of providing children with high-quality services and support to help them succeed in the mobile military lifestyle; and

WHEREAS: Each person who wears our Nation's uniform makes an invaluable contribution to the safety, security, and well-being of the United States and of the entire world, and their families have our deepest gratitude for their sacrifice and for supporting our Nation in its hour of need;

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 April 2017, as

**MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD**

across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to join me in giving thanks to our noble troops and their families for their brave example and innumerable contributions.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord 2017.



*Asa Hutchinson*  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

*Mark Martin*  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State