

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: More than 200,000 children are injured on playgrounds each year in the United States, averaging playground-related emergency room visits every two and a half minutes; and

WHEREAS: The National Program for Playground Safety, created to inform the public about playground injuries and preventive measures, has identified important ways to substantially reduce the number of playground injuries and keep our children S.A.F.E., providing proper Supervision, Age appropriate equipment, surface materials to soften Falls, and Equipment maintenance; and

WHEREAS: It is appropriate to set aside a week each year to give thought and direction to keeping our children safer on playgrounds; and

WHEREAS: Spring is a time to visit playgrounds, making April through June the months when the greatest percentage of playground injuries occur; and

WHEREAS: Child care centers, schools, parks and other public facilities are preparing for the summer season and playground participants; and

WHEREAS: The safety and well-being of children is our highest priority, as they are our future, our most precious resource, and our most profound responsibility;

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 24<sup>th</sup> through April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as

NATIONAL PLAYGROUND SAFETY WEEK IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I encourage all citizens to join in this important observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Attest:

*Mark Martin*

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State

*Asa Hutchinson*  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor