STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansas's highest priority is to provide all of our children with an excellent education, and school counselors help to maximize the learning opportunities and experiences for all students, helping to ensure that they receive the first-rate education they deserve; and

WHEREAS: Comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the education process that enables students to achieve success in school; and

WHEREAS: As vital members of the education team, school counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society; and

WHEREAS: The mission of school counselors is to do the best job they can for students under their guidance and care. Academic success alone isn't enough to ensure that today's students are prepared to be tomorrow's adults; there must also be focus on social/emotional development; and

WHEREAS: School counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves. They also help parents develop ways to further the education, personal, and social growth of their children;

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 February 4th through February 8th, 2019, as

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across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to recognize school counselors employed in public and private schools throughout Arkansas for their significant contributions to our children's future.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 17th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2018.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State