

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Many roles are filled by teachers, including those of educator, listener, explorer, role model, motivator, and mentor. Teachers work to open students' minds to ideas, knowledge, and dreams, and to make our public schools successful; and

WHEREAS: A strong, effective system of free public education for all children and youth is essential to our democratic system of government, and teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship; and

WHEREAS: Considerable progress has been made in the Nation and in Arkansas in the social, technological, and scientific fields due to our system of free and universal public education; and

WHEREAS: Much of this progress can be attributed to the qualified and dedicated teachers entrusted with the educational development of our children; and

WHEREAS: As a crucial part of children's educational experiences, teachers work side by side with parents and administrators every day to provide the best learning environments for their students; and

WHEREAS: Teachers use their skills to help ensure that our children have the resources necessary to become productive citizens and future leaders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, 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 May 5 through 9, 2014, as

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to honor and support teachers throughout Arkansas for their significant contributions to our children's futures.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 5th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2014.

ORIGINAL SIGNED

MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR

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MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE

