

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansas reaffirms its commitment to ensuring a welcoming environment for investment from global companies; and

WHEREAS: The state will attract and retain the best companies and the most advanced industries from around the world, providing fair and equitable treatment to all employers; and

WHEREAS: We will ensure that locating in Arkansas enhances the company's competitiveness around the world and, at the same time, enhances Arkansas's economy; and

WHEREAS: We recognize the strong, long-term economic opportunities originating internationally; and

WHEREAS: As foreign direct investment accounts for 46,400 Arkansas jobs, the state's economy is stronger because of our international recruitment efforts. More than 450 international employers have operations in Arkansas, and we expect this number will continue to grow; and

WHEREAS: As a participant in the global economy, Arkansas faces increased competition from inside the United States and around the world to attract jobs and the next generation of industries; and

WHEREAS: Taking deliberate steps to attract more foreign direct investment and promote Arkansas exports abroad is a cornerstone of our economic development efforts and will bring added prosperity to workers and communities across the state;

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 that **ARKANSAS IS OPEN FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS**, and I urge all citizens across the state to welcome new partnerships and investments from global companies.

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 July, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State