

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation’s precious values of freedom, civility, and equality; and

WHEREAS: By equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

WHEREAS: Education employees, be they substitute educators, custodians, teachers, bus drives, or librarians, work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

WHEREAS: Schools encourage community, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, and business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise and

WHEREAS: Since 1921, the American Legion, its Auxiliary, and professional groups have promoted the idea of visitation to our schools. Many citizens have not visited a local school since their own graduations from high school; and

WHEREAS: This year’s theme, “Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility”, serves to remind each of us that we have a duty and a responsibility to see that our children are prepared to take up the roles of citizens and leaders in the years to come;

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 November 14 through 20, 2011, as

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to join me in celebrating the 90th annual observance of this week by recognizing the importance of education in our lives, in our communities, and throughout our State, Nation, and world.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 6th day of October, in the year of our Lord 2011.





MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR



MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE