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The Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission is proud to announce that Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson has proclaimed **Friday, December 9, 2016** as Arkansas Anti-Corruption Day.

Global Anti-Corruption Day is observed by the United Nations and serves to bring awareness to the threats posed by corruption to our society. Arkansas joins in the worldwide fight by asking our citizens to help in the fight against improper influence.

The JDDC requested the proclamation from the Governor to remind our citizens that they have watchdog agencies they can turn to and that each one of us can play a role in making sure that our state and local government is free from corruption.

The JDDC has received invaluable support and assistance in recent years from Prosecuting Attorneys, the Attorney General's Office and many state and federal law enforcement agencies. The State of Arkansas has several other agencies and divisions who devote much of their time and purpose towards preventing or prosecuting corruption in the public sector. These are just a few examples of the resources that citizens can use to join in the fight to reduce corruption.

We invite all citizens to join the Governor in becoming "the positive change they wish to see in society" by upholding integrity and helping to reduce corruption at every level of state and local government.

[Proclamation attached. Note: Release sent on day before the day to be recognized]

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansas endeavors to raise awareness of corruption and endeavors to fight corruption at every level of local and state government; and

WHEREAS: Our state aligning with International Anti-Corruption Day is a step forward in the worldwide fight against corruption; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas calls on all private and public sector citizens to join in the fight against corruption at your level of involvement; and

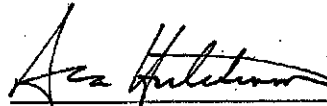
WHEREAS: By pursuing integrity and ethical behavior, society can reduce corruption and the negative consequences that follow;

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 December 9th, 2016, as

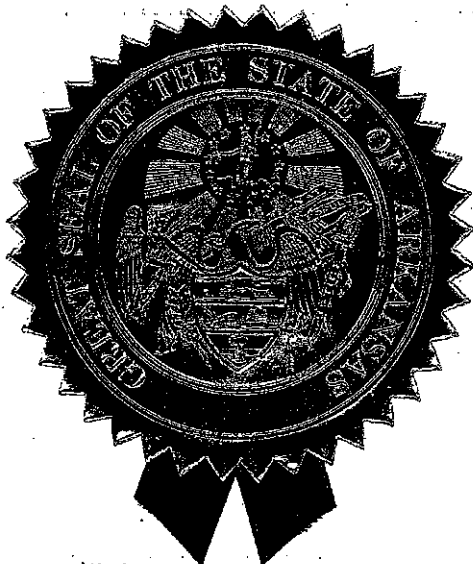
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across the State, and I urge all citizens to become part of the positive change they wish to see in society.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 31st day of October, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State