

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Our children are our most precious asset and our greatest responsibility, as the future of our society depends largely upon the emotional, social, physical, and intellectual growth of these most cherished individuals; and

WHEREAS: Parents, whether biological, adoptive, step, or foster, play a crucial role in shaping the lives of their children, nurturing them as infants, providing protection and encouragement throughout childhood, and offering guidance and support when they reach adulthood and face the challenges and opportunities of families and careers; and

WHEREAS: Parents, who impress upon their children the importance of honesty, respect, education, empathy, service, and determination, help them develop into healthy, caring, loving, responsible, and contributing citizens; and

WHEREAS: Parents teach their children timeless values to help them make the most of life's opportunities and overcome its challenges. On Parents' Day, we pay tribute to the parents who provide their children with guidance, support, and unconditional love and who help make our country a better place.

WHEREAS: "Parents' Day" pays tribute to the men and women who have embraced the challenge of parenthood. It is also an opportunity to promote parenting education, parent involvement, and parent networks to improve the quality of life in Arkansas and to benefit future generations;

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 July 26, 2009, as

NATIONAL PARENTS' DAY IN ARKANSAS

and I urge my fellow citizens to commend the hard work and sacrifice of devoted parents who, as a child's first teachers, mentors, and role models, play an invaluable role in shaping the future foundation of our State and our Nation.

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 2009.

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MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR

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CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE

