

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**REVENUE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

**WHEREAS:** The financial world is evolving, and new technologies are constantly being introduced. Financial education is essential now more than ever in helping Arkansans have control over their finances and future;

**WHEREAS:** Our state has made great strides to decrease Arkansas' unbanked population to a new low of 3.4 percent down from 7.5 percent in 2017;

**WHEREAS:** Less than 50 percent of Arkansans do not have funds set aside to weather an emergency;

**WHEREAS:** Financial education can prevent financial struggles and provide a strong foundation upon which Arkansans can build their own financial freedom and contribute to our state's economic prosperity;

**WHEREAS:** Many organizations across this great state work to promote financial education and awareness through teaching efforts such as establishing budget strategies, financial goal setting, avoidance of credit card debt, benefits of bank or credit union accounts, and more. These efforts empower Arkansans to make more sound financial decisions;


**WHEREAS:** The Arkansas Financial Education Commission was created through legislation passed by the 93rd General Assembly to help Arkansans achieve financial well-being through education now and for future generations; and

**WHEREAS:** Throughout the month of April, national awareness campaigns will be conducted to highlight the importance of financial education among both young and old, and the need to develop financial capability and capacity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS**, 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 April 2024 as

**"ARKANSAS FINANCIAL EDUCATION MONTH"**

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 4th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2023.

  
Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor



Attest

  
John Thurston, Secretary of State