

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: It is appropriate to recognize the critical contributions made by parents who foster a love for learning in their children, and by educators who acknowledge the importance of parental involvement and encourage and support making it an integral part of their schools' missions; and

WHEREAS: Beginning at birth, parental involvement in a child's learning is critical to his or her success in school and in life, and parents (including other family caregivers) are often their child's first and most influential teachers; and

WHEREAS: Research indicates that there is a positive relationship between high student achievement and the high expectations and educational involvement of parents. When schools, parents, and communities work together in partnership, our children succeed; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Department of Education recognizes the importance of supporting parental participation in our public schools, and it is important for schools and early-learning programs to encourage and plan for parents to be meaningfully involved in their children's learning; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas State Parent Information and Resource Center (PIRC)/Center for Effective Parenting is available to assist families and schools with strategies to improve parental involvement efforts;

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 October 2008, as

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT MONTH

across the State of Arkansas, and I encourage my fellow citizens to recognize the importance of parental involvement in improving school performance and student achievement in our State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 8th day of September, in the year of our Lord 2008.

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MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR

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CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE

