

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Each year, Arkansas faces destructive forces from tornadoes, hail, thunderstorms, and flooding, all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage or, even worse, total destruction to residential and public property;

WHEREAS: Following disasters, homeowners are vulnerable to well-rehearsed, predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently adding costs to repair or rebuild homes;

WHEREAS: These predatory practices by some contractors generally increase costs to rebuild for insurers and homeowners alike, ultimately driving up insurance premiums on consumers and forcing some insurers to reevaluate their exposure;

WHEREAS: Insurance fraud adds 5 to 10 percent to claims expenses paid for by insurers and consumers;

WHEREAS: It is imperative that an effective public outreach campaign be implemented to highlight the various types of contractor fraud schemes, and provide methods in how consumers can identify and avoid such schemes;

WHEREAS: The National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages Arkansans to get at least three written estimates, review contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding or repair process when hiring a contractor;

WHEREAS: The National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with its local and state partners in Arkansas, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, are committed to educating Arkansans about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; and

WHEREAS: The citizens of Arkansas are encouraged to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during the fourth annual Contractor Fraud Awareness Week, May 20 - 24, 2024.

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 May 20-24, 2024, as

**"CONTRACTOR FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK IN ARKANSAS"**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 14th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2024.



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Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor

John Thurston, Secretary of State