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### Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson to Speak at RuralRISE 2019 Summit

**Washington, DC (August 8, 2019)** – The Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) and partners for the 2019 RuralRISE Summit are excited to announce that Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson will be attending and speaking at the 2019 RuralRISE Summit in Pine Bluff, Arkansas on September 18, 2019. This summit will focus on how rural leaders can address both the challenges and opportunities facing rural entrepreneurs throughout the United States.

“We are thrilled to welcome Governor Hutchinson to RuralRISE,” said RCAP Executive Director Nathan Ohle. “His commitment to rural entrepreneurship in Arkansas is a great example of how Governors across the country are prioritizing small business and entrepreneurship growth in rural communities to ensure entrepreneurs have the resources needed to be successful.”

Governor Hutchinson is an advocate for entrepreneurs and small businesses through a statewide network of partners and targeted programs. In addition, Arkansas has focused on building out the infrastructure needed for entrepreneurship to thrive, including an announcement on August 6, 2019 where the Governor announced the Arkansas Rural Connect (ARC) program, committing \$25 million in grants to qualifying communities to deploy high-speed broadband to its residents.

The second annual RuralRISE Summit will take place in Pine Bluff, Arkansas on September 17-19, 2019 at the Pine Bluff Convention Center. Last year, more than 175 community leaders and rural entrepreneurs gathered in West Virginia to discuss how to empower leaders, doers, and innovators in rural communities across the country. This summit gives rural community members an opportunity to gather, discuss, and discover unique solutions to the obstacles small businesses and towns face every day with others doing this work from across the country.

RCAP is a national non-profit network providing opportunity, assistance, and practical guidance to small communities in all fifty states, U.S. territories, and tribal lands to ensure access to economic development, safe drinking water, sanitary wastewater disposal that leads to economic prosperity in every state, including Puerto Rico, across the country. To learn more about RCAP, visit [www.rcap.org](http://www.rcap.org). RCAP is one of the many proud RuralRISE sponsors and partners. To learn more about RuralRISE or to register for the 2019 summit, visit [www.ruralrise.org](http://www.ruralrise.org).

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