

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Archeology is the study of both the past, before there were any written records, and the study of historic sites, where there are no written records to provide enough information about the people who lived there or when they existed; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas has an important archeological heritage, holding clues about our rich and diverse history, but whose sites are fragile and endangered by erosion, uncontrolled development, looting, or vandalism; and

WHEREAS: Archaeological sites are important to our state's history, as some of the late prehistoric Indian tribes of Arkansas lived in populous and complex societies featuring artificial earthen mounds, some which still survive and were created by Native American cultures; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Archeological Survey and the Arkansas Archeological Society have been working together since the 1960s "to preserve the past for the future"; and

WHEREAS: The Society-Survey "Summer Training Dig" program started more than 50 years ago at a site near the Ouachita Mountains where Indians lived between 6000-1000 B.C. and, more recently, where the Caddo Indians lived and farmed between 1000-1700 A.D. and;

WHEREAS: Arkansas archaeologists seek to increase our citizens' awareness of our state's archaeological history as a means of protecting and preserving these irreplaceable links to our past;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, 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 March 2015, as

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across the State of Arkansas, and I encourage my fellow citizens to join me in recognizing the efforts of the Arkansas Archeological Survey and the Arkansas Archeological Society in preserving our past.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 11th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2015.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Asa Hutchinson".

ASA HUTCHINSON, GOVERNOR

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Martin".

MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE