

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: All-terrain vehicles (ATVs), motorized vehicles usually having three or four low-pressure tires, are commonly used for farming, hunting, and recreation; and

WHEREAS: ATVs are very popular among young people, especially those living in rural areas. As the popularity of ATVs has risen, so, too, has the number of deaths and injuries for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas Children's Hospital (ACH) admits more than one child a week for ATV-related injuries, and many more are treated in emergency departments and clinics statewide; and

WHEREAS: The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children under 16 years of age not ride on ATVs; and

WHEREAS: To reduce the number of injuries and fatalities to Arkansas children, the Injury Prevention Center (IPC) at Arkansas Children's Hospital has implemented an aggressive and proactive program. The mission of the IPC is to reduce child injuries, deaths, and disabilities through service, education, advocacy, and innovative research; and

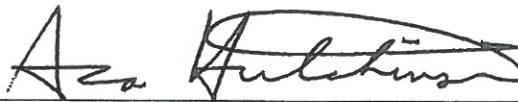
WHEREAS: ATV safety can be improved through training, riding off-road only, not driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, planning the trip ahead of time, and through the use of safety equipment – especially helmets;

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 April 2015, as

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

across the State of Arkansas, and I urge my fellow citizens to join together to promote safety of ATV use.

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.



ASA HUTCHINSON, GOVERNOR

Attest:



MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE

