

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The travel and tourism industry is vital to the State of Arkansas and the Nation, contributing to our economic prosperity, employment, international trade, peace, understanding and goodwill; and

WHEREAS: Travel and tourism ranks among Arkansas's top industries in the amount of revenue generated. Last year, travel and tourism contributed more than \$6.7 billion to our State from nearly 26 million visitors; and

WHEREAS: The hospitality industry provides jobs for approximately 110,400 people in Arkansas, and yields more than \$460 million in state and local taxes; and

WHEREAS: The State continues to gain key tourism projects, which include improvements at state parks, new welcome centers, improved highways and private sector investments;

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 May 2 through 10, 2015, as

ARKANSAS TOURISM WEEK

across the State, and I call upon my fellow citizens to observe this week by appreciating and enjoying the natural beauty of Arkansas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 24th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2015.



Asa Hutchinson
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State