

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansas, aptly named “The Natural State”, is a special place endowed with an abundance of diverse flora and fauna and a remarkable variety of landscape and geography. The people of Arkansas have a long tradition of appreciation and attachment to the beauty of our Great Outdoors; and

WHEREAS: Biking, swimming, hiking, climbing, paddling, fishing, hunting and boating are some of the enjoyable opportunities available for stimulating the physical and mental health benefits of active outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS: Arkansans show their appreciation of the state’s Great Outdoors and their commitment to the conservation and protection of our air, our water, our wildlife and our lands through the support of various licenses, taxes and fees and through the partnership that exists among federal, state and local agencies. The recreation and tourism industries helping us create new outdoor activities via the Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and

WHEREAS: From the heights of magnificent Mount Magazine to the subterranean splendor of Blanchard Caverns, people from all over the world are drawn to Arkansas’s great Outdoors. History buffs seek to explore the hallowed Civil War battlefields of Northwest Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Great Outdoors Month includes diverse events designed to connect all of us, especially children and youth, to open-air adventures that can be found in National Trails Day, National Fishing and Boating Week, Welcome to the Water on National Marina Day, National Get Outdoors Days, and the Great American Outdoor Campout;

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 June 2015, as

**GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH**

across the State of Arkansas, and I encourage my fellow citizens to participate in recreational activities and enjoy the benefits and scenic beauty of our great outdoors.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord 2015.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

*Mark Martin*

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State