

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Dutch oven was adopted as the state historic cooking vessel by the 83rd General Assembly, through Act 476 of 2001, to indicate the significance of this cooking utensil in Arkansas's history; and

WHEREAS: Dutch ovens were brought to Arkansas by explorers and early settlers before statehood was conferred, and these ovens were widely used in cooking on fireplace hearths; and

WHEREAS: Explorers, settlers and hunters coming to Arkansas were also able to use Dutch ovens due to their superior baking qualities and portability, as well as their versatility and durability; and

WHEREAS: During the first Saturday in June, the Arkansas Dutch Oven State Championship will be held at Petit Jean State Park in Morrilton, Arkansas, and will draw participants from throughout the region; and

WHEREAS: The theme of the event is "Cookin' for Kids" and will benefit children who are in need in Conway County, Arkansas;

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 6, 2015, as

**ARKANSAS DUTCH OVEN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DAY**

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to support this event and to enjoy the activities of this festive occasion.

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 May, in the year of our Lord 2015.

  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:

  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State