

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Sport fishing and boating provide healthy recreation for more than sixty million Americans of all ages; and

WHEREAS: Fishing and boating promote respect for our nation's natural waters, wilderness and wildlife; and

WHEREAS: Fishing and boating are established recreational traditions rooted deeply in the history of our country and the hearts of our citizenry; and

WHEREAS: Sport fishing and boating, through the payment of millions of dollars annually for licenses, taxes and fees, have provided the funding for federal and state programs that contribute significantly to the preservation and protection of our natural environment; and

WHEREAS: June 6th through 14th, 2015 has been set as National Fishing and Boating Week by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation;

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 noon, June 12 until midnight, June 14, 2015, as

FREE FISHING WEEKEND

across the State, and residents and nonresidents may fish this weekend without fishing license or trout permits in the State of Arkansas. I urge all citizens to appropriately recognize the many significant contributions of sport fishing and boating to our national well-being.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 8th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2015.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State