

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities in Arkansas and in every state throughout this country; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas's parks and recreation areas are vitally important to establishing and maintaining an enjoyable quality of life in our neighborhoods, helping to ensure the health of our citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of our region; and

WHEREAS: Parks and recreation programs help to build healthy, active communities and play a role in the prevention of chronic diseases; they provide therapeutic exercise services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and improve the mental and emotional fitness of all citizens; and

WHEREAS: Neighborhood parks and recreation programs increase economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction in their surrounding areas, and these oases of recreation and leisure are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS: Parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitats for wildlife; and

WHEREAS: Our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of Arkansas and provide places for children and adults to connect with nature and enjoy activities outdoors;

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 July 2015, as

PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to join me in recognizing the essential role of parks and recreation in Arkansas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 2nd day of June, in the year of our Lord 2015.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State