

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansas, known as the “Natural State,” has more than 600,000 acres of lakes and 9,700 miles of rivers and streams that fuel Arkansas’s excellent angling reputation; and

WHEREAS: The fifty-two Arkansas Game and Fish Commission lakes are scattered throughout the State and are tailor-made for angling enjoyment; and

WHEREAS: More than 2.5 million trout and 900,000 catfish are stocked in Arkansas lakes and streams every year, and three world-record game fish have been caught in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Wildlife Forever, a national not for profit conservation organization, provides conservation education opportunities and materials to classrooms in Arkansas and the nation; and

WHEREAS: Wildlife Forever is hosting the 17th Annual State-Fish Art Expo on August 22, 2015 recognizing winning students and educators, and promoting stewardship of our natural resources. Arkansas leads the nation in entries for this Expo; and

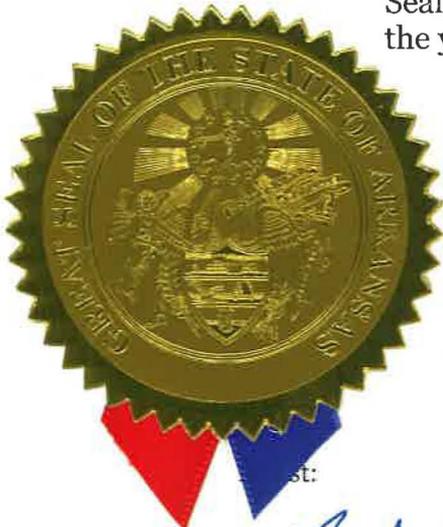
WHEREAS: The site of the 2015 State-Fish Art Expo is Hot Springs, which is also hosting the Fishing League Worldwide (FLW) Expo and the Forrest Wood Cup – the World Championship of Bass Fishing – on Lake Ouachita. These events are expected to bring 60,000 visitors and tourists to the area;

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 August 22, 2015, as

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across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to join me in recognizing the important role Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Day plays in educating our youth about conservation, preservation of habitat and management of fish and wildlife.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 26th day of June, in the year of our Lord 2015.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State