

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Visualizing Earth Systems, the theme for 2015, explores what it means to see our planet through eyes informed by the geosciences; and

WHEREAS: Using technologies ranging from on-site data collection to satellite-based remote sensing, scientist investigate conditions of Earth systems; and

WHEREAS: Today's geoscientists display their findings in charts, graphs, diagrams, illustrations, photos, videos, computer-generated animations, and 3 D-printed creations; and

WHEREAS: Students will discover the Earth sciences, people will be reminded that Earth science is all around us, Earth stewardship will be encouraged through a better understanding of Earth science, and geoscientists will be encouraged to share their knowledge and enthusiasm about the Earth; and

WHEREAS: The earth sciences are crucial to environmental and ecological issues that range from water-resource assessments and conservation to air quality and waste disposal; and

WHEREAS: Geologic factors surrounding resources, hazards, and the environment are vital to land-management and land-use decisions made in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: The earth sciences are critical to ecosystem management, to our understanding of and respect for nature, and to Arkansas' continuing prosperity and well-being; and

WHEREAS: Knowledge of earth sciences provides the basis of preparing for and mitigating natural disasters, including floods, earthquakes, landslides, droughts, volcanic eruptions, coastal erosion, and sinkholes;

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 October 11th through 17th, 2015, as

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across the State of Arkansas, and I encourage my fellow citizens to recognize the vital role of the geosciences in our use of natural resources, in our interaction with the environment, as well as in our safety, health, economy, and welfare.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 22nd day of September, in the year of our Lord 2015.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State