

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Great Central United States ShakeOut creates an important opportunity for every resident of Arkansas to prepare their homes, places of business, and communities for earthquakes

WHEREAS: Investing in our own preparedness, and that of our families, businesses, and hometowns, can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our communities and in our nation; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, along with the Central United States Earthquake Consortium, and other federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, private, and volunteer agencies are working to increase public activities in preparing for earthquakes and to educate individuals on how to take action; and

WHEREAS: Emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every Arkansas citizen, and all Arkansans are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together as a team to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of every type, including earthquakes; and

WHEREAS: All citizens of Arkansas are encouraged to participate in The Great Central United States ShakeOut activities and are asked to visit the Web site of the Great ShakeOut at [www.shakeout.org](http://www.shakeout.org) to become more prepared and to register;

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 15, 2015, as

**THE GREAT CENTRAL UNITED STATES SHAKEOUT**

in the State of Arkansas, and I call upon all citizens and organizations to develop their own emergency preparedness plans and work together toward creating a more prepared society.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord 2015.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State