

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Archeology is the study of both the past, before there were any written records, and the study of historic sites, where there are no written records to provide enough information about the people who lived there or when they existed; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas has an important archeological heritage, holding clues about our rich and diverse history, but whose sites are fragile and endangered by erosion, uncontrolled development, looting, or vandalism; and

WHEREAS: Archaeological sites are important to our state's history, as some of the late prehistoric Indian tribes of Arkansas lived in populous and complex societies featuring artificial earthen mounds, some which still survive and were created by Native American cultures; and

WHEREAS: The Society-Survey Summer Training Dig program, which has been held for more than 50 years, was held this past summer in Crittenden County near the Parkin Archeological State Park where Indians lived between AD 1350-1650; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas archaeologists seek to increase our citizens' awareness of our state's archaeological history as a means of protecting and preserving these irreplaceable links to our past;

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 March 2017, as

**ARKANSAS ARCHEOLOGY MONTH**

across the State of Arkansas, and I encourage my fellow citizens to join me in recognizing the efforts of the Arkansas Archeological Survey and the Arkansas Archeological Society in preserving our past.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Attest:

*Mark Martin*

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State

*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor