

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The travel and tourism industry is vital to the State of Arkansas and the United States, contributing to our economic prosperity, employment, international trade, peace, understanding, and goodwill; and

WHEREAS: Travel and tourism ranks as one of Arkansas's top industries in the amount of revenues generated; and

WHEREAS: Tourism contributed \$7.7 billion to our state in 2016, and during that time more than 29 million visitors traveled to Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: The hospitality industry provides jobs for more than 100,000 individuals in Arkansas and yields more than \$538 million in state and local taxes; and

WHEREAS: The state continues to gain key tourism products, such as enhancements at state parks, new welcome centers, improved highways, and private sector investments;

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 May 7th through May 13th, 2017 as

ARKANSAS TOURISM WEEK

across the State, and I call upon the people of the State to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 23rd day of March, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State