

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Sport fishing and boating provides healthful recreation for more than sixty million Americans of all ages; and

WHEREAS: Fishing and boating promotes respect for our nation's natural waters, wilderness, and wildlife; and

WHEREAS: Fishing and boating are established recreational traditions rooted deeply in the history of our country and the hearts of our citizenry; and

WHEREAS: Sport fishing and boating, through the payment of millions of dollars annually for licenses, taxes, and fees, has provided the funding for federal and state programs that contribute significantly to the preservation and protection of our natural environment; and

WHEREAS: June 3<sup>rd</sup> through June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 has been set as National Fishing and Boating Week;

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 Noon, June 9 until midnight, June 11, 2017 as

**FREE FISHING WEEKEND**

across the State, and residents and nonresidents may fish this weekend without fishing license or trout permits in the State of Arkansas. I urge all citizens to appropriately recognize the many significant contributions of sport fishing and boating to our national wellbeing.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord 2017.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State