

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS: In 1999, the United States Mint launched the 50 State Quarters Program, which is a ten-year coin initiative commemorating each of the nation's states in the order they were admitted into the Union; and
- WHEREAS: The Arkansas quarter was the 25<sup>th</sup> in the 50 State Quarters Program; and
- WHEREAS: A statewide Arkansas State Quarter design competition was held with 9,320 submissions by Arkansans; and
- WHEREAS: The winning design was submitted by Dortha Scott of Mt. Ida in Montgomery County; and
- WHEREAS: A total of 457,800,000 Arkansas State Quarters were minted by the U.S. Mint for general circulation across the United States; and
- WHEREAS: The Arkansas quarter design features images of natural resources befitting the "Natural State", Arkansas's official slogan; and
- WHEREAS: Arkansas has an abundance of clear streams, rivers, and more than 600,000 acres of lakes; and
- WHEREAS: Arkansas is also known for its hunting, and mallard hunting is an attraction for sportsmen across the nation; and
- WHEREAS: Visitors to Arkansas can search the Crater of Diamonds State Park for diamonds at the oldest diamond mine in North America, and it is the only diamond mine in the United States open to the public where visitors can keep what they find; and
- WHEREAS: Arkansas leads the nation in producing grain, and visitors can experience the rice harvest when traveling in this great state; and
- WHEREAS: The winning design by Dortha Scott, which encompassed the treasured aspects of Arkansas, was announced by Governor Mike Huckabee on October 7, 2002; and
- WHEREAS: The Arkansas State Quarter was officially presented and released for circulation by Henrietta Holsman Fore, Director of the U.S. Mint, at a ceremony held on October 28, 2003 at Crater of Diamonds State Park; and
- WHEREAS: On September 28, 2017, a ceremony will be held in Mt. Ida, Arkansas to commemorate and celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the announcement of the winning design;

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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as

STATE QUARTER DESIGN 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DAY

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2017.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State