

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

WHEREAS: The Society-Survey Summer Training Dig program, which has been held for more than 50 years, was held this past summer in Franklin County near the Mulberry River where Native Americans lived; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas archeologists seek to increase our citizen's awareness of our state's archeological 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 2018 as

ARKANSAS ARCHEOLOGY MONTH

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to join me in recognizing the efforts of Archeologists throughout the state 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 10th day of January, in the year of our Lord 2018.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State