

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The theme of the 2018 National Stewardship Week is “Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home”; and

WHEREAS: Water is one of Arkansas’s most precious resources and is vital to our state’s quality of life and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas receives an average of approximately 50 inches of rainfall annually and is home to 308 watershed units and 1,143 square miles of water area; and

WHEREAS: Agriculture is our state’s largest industry, adding \$21 billion to our state’s economy annually and providing one of every six jobs; and

WHEREAS: The sustainability of Arkansas’s agricultural industry depends on fertile soils and a clean, safe, abundant, and well-managed water supply; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas agricultural landowners in every county across the state have actively participated in conservation programs to enhance water, soil, air, and wildlife habitat and received assistance valued at more than \$153 million in 2017; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas is fortunate to have a strong partnership of local, state, regional, and federal organizations that provide leadership, technical assistance, education, and management for effective conservation and stewardship practices that protect our soil and water resources;

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 April 29th through May 6th, 2018, as

ARKANSAS STEWARDSHIP WEEK

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 11th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2018.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State