

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Backpacking and hiking, both for daytrips and overnight excursions, is a favorite activity for many people around the world and is a popular pastime in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Backpacking and hiking draw visitors from all across the country to our state, further promoting the natural beauty, the striking scenery, and the generous hospitality found in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Backpacking and hiking are enjoyable, unique ways to explore nature, stay active, and create strong bonds of comradery between friends and family; and

WHEREAS: The Great State of Arkansas, also known as the Natural State, is home to many beautiful trails, wilderness areas, lakes, and rivers; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas invites and encourages all citizens and visitors of our state to experience the wonderful trail systems and state parks throughout Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Exercise is a vital part of a healthy lifestyle, and outdoor activities such as backpacking and hiking promote mental, emotional, and physical health; and

WHEREAS: *Backpacking and Hiking Day in Arkansas* is dedicated to the many backpackers and hikers across our state and to outdoor enthusiasts around the country who come to enjoy the beauty of the Natural State;

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 July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, as

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across the State, and I urge all citizens to celebrate the beauty of our state while promoting the benefits of a healthy lifestyle by taking a hike or backpacking trip in the Natural State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, in the year of our Lord 2019.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
John Thurston, Secretary Of State