

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate the immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation and to our society; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling that dates back further than the state itself; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the creation of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to conserve fish, wildlife, and their habitats; and

WHEREAS: Those same sportsmen and women support the conservation actions of said Commission through their license fees and self-imposed excise taxes on hunting, fishing, and boating equipment to provide healthy and sustainable natural resources; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission owns 24,000 acres of lakes; manages 600,000 acres of lakes and 100,000 miles of rivers and streams; owns 385,000 acres of wildlife management areas; cooperatively manages 3.2 million acres of public land; and owns five fish hatcheries, four nature centers (a fifth center is under construction in Springdale), four conservation education centers and 10 regional offices, as well as its headquarters in Little Rock; and

WHEREAS: These special places are spread across various habitats that give hunters, anglers, hikers, paddlers, and wildlife-watchers from Arkansas and around the world beautiful places to enjoy the outdoors;

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 September 22nd through September 28th, 2019, as

ARKANSAS HUNTING AND FISHING WEEK

and September 28th, 2019, as

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I encourage my fellow Arkansans to join me in recognizing the many social, cultural, economic, and ecological benefits of our time-honored traditions of hunting and angling 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 12th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2019.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


John Thurston, Secretary Of State