

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: In the Natural State, where the scenic and abundant streams, lakes, and rivers draw many to relax and enjoy water sports and activities in the great outdoors, it is essential that boating enthusiasts recognize the importance of taking certain precautions, such as always wearing a life jacket, carrying lifesaving emergency distress and communications equipment, and never operating a boat under the influence of alcohol; and

WHEREAS: National Safe Boating Week is observed to bring attention to important life-saving tips for recreational boaters; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States, and around 75% percent of these are fatalities caused by drowning. The vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error and poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; many of these fatalities could have been prevented if life jackets had been worn;

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 May 22nd through May 27th, 2022, as

ARKANSAS SAFE BOATING WEEK

across the state, and I urge all citizens to improve safety on the waterways by enrolling in a safe-boating course, wearing life jackets, and enjoying their time on the water responsibly.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 30th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2022.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



John Thurston, Secretary of State