

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Flooding can be a financially and emotionally devastating occurrence, and most homeowners are not protected against the financial costs of flood damage. Just one inch of water in a home can cause upwards of \$25,000 in damages. In the last 10 years, flooding cost the United States \$40.3 billion in damages; and

WHEREAS: Floods can happen almost anywhere. More than 20% of flood claims come from properties outside the high-risk flood zone; and

WHEREAS: In Arkansas, 200,000 properties including homes, condos, and businesses have a greater than 26% chance of being severely affected by flooding over the next 30 years; and

WHEREAS: The most typical form of assistance after a flood is a loan that must be repaid with interest while flood insurance claims are paid even if a disaster is not declared by the President; and

WHEREAS: Flood insurance also protects business owners and renters. Investing in flood insurance empowers Arkansans to protect the lives they have built and provides access to mitigation opportunities; and

WHEREAS: Arkansans have invested in more than 12,800 National Flood Insurance Program policies, protecting more than \$2.5 billion dollars in homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS: Flood Insurance Awareness Week creates an important opportunity for every Arkansas homeowner to protect their investments through flood insurance; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Division, the Arkansas Insurance Department, and the Arkansas Floodplain Management Association, along with other federal, state, local, private, and volunteer agencies, are working to increase homeowner awareness of flood risk and the benefits of flood insurance; and

WHEREAS: Flood insurance can be the difference between recovery and financial devastation, allowing Arkansans to recover faster and more fully, supporting resilient communities and neighborhoods;

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 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as


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across the state, and I urge all citizens to participate in Flood Insurance Awareness Week activities and protect the lives they have built.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord 2022.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
John Thurston, Secretary of State