

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansas is blessed with outstanding opportunities for people to *Escape the Indoors* by participating in safe and healthy fun in our Great Outdoors in the company of family and friends; and

WHEREAS: Our kids today spend extended periods of time in front of a screen, and outdoor activity is touted by many leading health organizations as a remedy for the adverse effects caused by increased inactivity; and

WHEREAS: Diverse Great Outdoors Month® events, including American Hiking Society's National Trails Day®, National Get Outdoors Day, the Great Outdoors Day of Service, the Great American Campout®, Kids to Parks™ Day, Bike Travel Weekend and more, helps introduce citizens of all ages to healthy fun outdoors; and

WHEREAS: Other events during Great Outdoors Month®, such as National Fishing and Boating Week, National Marina Day and more, provide all of us, especially our children, with exciting opportunities for recreation on the great waters of our state; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas's state parks, national park units, national forests and more reflect every facet of our state's rich natural and cultural history; and

WHEREAS: Enjoyment of our Great Outdoors allows us to celebrate the commitment of our state to conserve and protect our air, our water, our wildlife, and our lands and contribute to conservation efforts through various licenses, taxes, and fees; and

WHEREAS: Great Outdoors Month® allows us to celebrate the partnership of federal, state, and local agencies, the recreation and tourism industries and recreationists which makes outdoor recreation opportunities available, and adds new and needed features, such as improved trails through the Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund;

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 June 2022, as

**GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH®**

across the State, and I urge all citizens and visitors from other states and countries to *Escape the Indoors* by exploring, enjoying, protecting, and conserving Arkansas's Great Outdoors.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year of our Lord 2022.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

*John Thurston*  
John Thurston, Secretary of State