

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, community gardens and other landmarks throughout the nation that individually or collectively represent our shared irreplaceable national resources; and

WHEREAS: Public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation and recreation; and

WHEREAS: Public lands promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership. Shared stewardship requires the goodwill, cooperation and active support of citizens, community, local and state officials, business leaders, youth and adults; and

WHEREAS: Recreation opportunities offered by public lands help families and individuals lead an active lifestyle and reduce the incidence of childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS: Land conservation efforts improve access to public lands for urban residents and work to break down the barriers preventing Americans from actively utilizing their public lands; and

WHEREAS: A collaboration among state and local residents, land managers and community leaders improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans; and

WHEREAS: National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands and is coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation. State and City Park systems throughout the nation join with federal agencies such as The Bureau of Land Management, Department of Defense, Environmental Protection Agency, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service to deliver an annually anticipated celebration for local participation on publicly held lands in this great State of Arkansas;

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 26, 2015, as

**NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY IN ARKANSAS**

across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to recognize and participate in this special observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2015.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State