

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: This year marks the twelfth-annual Earth Science Week, designated by the American Geological Institute (AGI) to help the public gain a better understanding of and appreciation for the earth sciences; and

WHEREAS: The theme for 2009, “Understanding Climate”, reflects the opportunities available to aid young people and the general public in understanding all factors driving climate and the role climate plays in the history of the Earth and humankind; and

WHEREAS: The earth sciences are crucial to environmental and ecological issues that range from water-resource assessments and conservation to air quality and waste disposal; and

WHEREAS: Geologic factors surrounding resources, hazards, and the environment are vital to land-management and land-use decisions made in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: The earth sciences are critical to ecosystem management, to our understanding of and respect for nature, and to Arkansas’s continuing prosperity and well-being; and

WHEREAS: Knowledge of earth sciences provides the basis of preparing for and mitigating natural disasters, including floods, earthquakes, landslides, droughts, and sinkholes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, 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 October 11 through 17, 2009, as

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across the State of Arkansas, and I encourage my fellow citizens to recognize the vital role of the geosciences in our use of natural resources, in our interaction with the environment, as well as in our safety, health, economy, and welfare.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 18th day of September in the year of our Lord 2009.

ORIGINAL SIGNED
MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR

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CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE

