

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Since October 1998, the American Geosciences Institute has organized Earth Science Week on a national and international level to help the public gain a better understanding and appreciation for the Earth Sciences and to encourage stewardship of the Earth; and

WHEREAS: This year's Earth Science Week will celebrate the theme "Earth and Human Activity". Human activity has a huge impact on Earth, and the possibilities open to humanity are, in turn, shaped by Earth's natural processes. The geosciences are essential for understanding how we can make the most of opportunities and manage challenges offered in areas such as energy, technology, climate change, the environment, natural disasters, industry, agriculture, recreation, and tourism; and

WHEREAS: Earth Science Week's learning resources and activities are engaging young people and others in exploring the relationship between human activity and the geosphere (earth), hydrosphere (water), atmosphere (air), and biosphere (life). This year's theme promotes public understanding and stewardship of the planet, especially in terms of the ways people affect and are affected by these Earth systems; and

WHEREAS: Students will discover the Earth sciences, people will be reminded that Earth science is all around us, Earth stewardship will be encouraged through a better understanding of Earth science, and geoscientists will be motivated to share their knowledge and enthusiasm about the Earth; 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, volcanic eruptions, coastal erosion, and sinkholes;


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 October 8th through October 14th, 2017 as

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across the State, 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 24th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2017.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State