

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate the immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation and to our society; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling that dates back further than the state itself; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the creation of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to conserve fish, wildlife, and their habitats; and

WHEREAS: Those same sportsmen and women support the conservation actions of said Commission through their license fees and self-imposed excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment and motorboat fuels to provide healthy and sustainable natural resources; and

WHEREAS: Last year alone, over 325,000 licensed hunters and more than 500,000 licensed anglers enjoyed the woods and waters of the state and represent a considerable portion of the \$9.7 billion in outdoor recreation spending that greatly impacts our state's economy;

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 18<sup>th</sup> through September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as

ARKANSAS HUNTING AND FISHING WEEK

and September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I encourage my fellow Arkansans to join me in recognizing the many social, cultural, economic, and ecological benefits of our time-honored traditions of hunting and angling in The Natural State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord 2022.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

John Thurston, Secretary Of State