

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansas, aptly named “The Natural State”, is a special place endowed with an abundance of diverse flora and fauna and a remarkable variety in landscape and geography. The people of Arkansas have a long tradition of appreciation and attachment to the beauty of this great State; and

WHEREAS: The Natural State offers 20,000 miles of fishable rivers and streams, including world-class, trout-water fisheries; native, warm-water fisheries; 600,000 acres of lakes; and a plethora of bayous, farm ponds, creeks, and sloughs; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas is proud to claim the Nation’s largest ox-bow lake, Lake Chicot, as well as the unique geologic formation, Crowley’s Ridge, and is home to the only diamond-producing site in the world open to the public, Crater of Diamonds State Park; and

WHEREAS: From the heights of magnificent Mount Magazine to the subterranean splendor of Blanchard Caverns, people from all over the world are drawn to our State. History buffs seek the hallowed Civil War battlefields of Northwest Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: The Natural State contains the oldest National Park, the first National River, three National Forests, six National Park Service sites, numerous National Recreation Trails, and provides an abundance of outdoor recreational and educational opportunities, endless adventures, and subsequent quality-of-life rewards and health benefits. Wildlife observations and birding opportunities abound, as well as some of the best hunting and fishing in America;

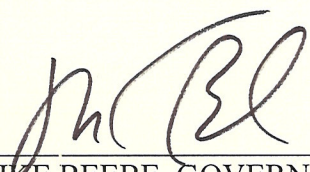
NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim June 2009, as

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

across the State of Arkansas, and I encourage my fellow citizens to participate in recreational activities and enjoy the benefits and scenic beauty of our 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 1st day of May, in the year of our Lord 2009.





MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR



CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE