

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Native plants have provided food, shelter and medicines to the inhabitants of Arkansas, from the earliest Native Americans to present-day Arkansans; and

WHEREAS: Native plants have supported and continue to support, the wide variety of wildlife that contribute to making Arkansas “The Natural State;” and

WHEREAS: Native plants are uniquely adapted to live in our soils and climate and require less water, fertilizer, and other chemical supplements to grow and thrive; and

WHEREAS: Many native plants have beautiful flowers, produce many useful, colorful fruits and seeds, and display brilliant foliage colors as the seasons change, providing Arkansans and visitors great pleasure; and

WHEREAS: Native plants provide the oxygen that we breathe and other important ecological services such as building and stabilizing soil and facilitating water infiltration; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Native Plant Society urges all Arkansans to plant native plants in their gardens and to enjoy them wherever they may be found;

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 April 2017, as

ARKANSAS NATIVE PLANT MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 22nd day of November, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State