

**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 provide other important ecological services, such as building and stabilizing soil and facilitating water infiltration;

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 May 2022, as

**ARKANSAS NATIVE PLANT MONTH**

across the state, and I encourage citizens to plant native plants in their gardens and enjoy them wherever they may be found.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord 2022.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



John Thurston, Secretary of State