

# STATE OF ARKANSAS

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

**WHEREAS:** Arkansas has more than 2,400 named lakes and reservoirs that cover over 600,000 acres within the state;

**WHEREAS:** Lakes and reservoirs are natural resources contributing to sources of recreation, scenic beauty, and wildlife habitats for The Natural State;

**WHEREAS:** Arkansas lakes are valuable economic resources for the state's businesses, tourism, and municipal governments;

**WHEREAS:** Nearly 1.5 million Arkansans depend upon lakes and reservoirs as their drinking water;

**WHEREAS:** Every year, citizens visit Arkansas lakes and reservoirs, contributing over \$320 million to Arkansas' economy; and

**WHEREAS:** The State of Arkansas recognizes the importance of protecting these lakes and reservoirs for future generations.

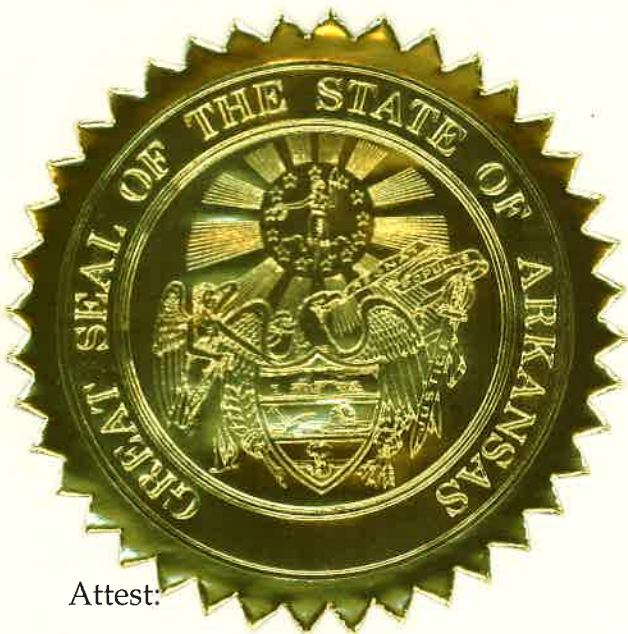
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS,** Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim July 2024 as

**"LAKE APPRECIATION MONTH IN ARKANSAS"**

**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 June, in the year of our Lord 2024.



Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor



Attest:



John Thurston, Secretary of State