

# STATE OF ARKANSAS

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: National Environmental Education Week, coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation, in cooperation with hundreds of environmental education organizations, associations, and agencies, is an important annual event offering local participation for schools and various education centers in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Through K-12 classrooms, university campuses, and informal settings, including nature centers, zoos, aquariums, and museums, environmental education opportunities will increase during this week; and

WHEREAS: Environmental education, presented in America's classrooms prior to Earth Day, draws attention to the larger opportunities and to environmental education for both year-long education and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS: Environmental education bolsters core environmental literacy in our K-12 students by featuring grade-appropriate environmental literacy goals and content standards; and

WHEREAS: Schools are encouraged to partner with local museums, nature centers, zoos, science centers, aquariums, and local parks to further environmental education; and

WHEREAS: The professional environmental education community will have an opportunity to annually feature its accomplishments with the Nation's education leaders;

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 April 12 through April 18, 2009, as

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across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to join me in participating in the activities scheduled during this week.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 6th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2009.

  
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MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR

  
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CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE

