

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansas has sustained many natural disasters, with corresponding loss of life and property, due to violent weather, flash floods, and other destructive forces of nature, and there is the possibility of our State being affected by events of catastrophic magnitude, such as earthquakes, pandemics, or terrorism; and

WHEREAS: The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and other federal, state, and local agencies, as well as the private sector, are working to deter, prevent, and respond to all types of emergencies, including potential terrorist attacks and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS: “National Preparedness Month” (NPM), sponsored by DHS through its *Ready* campaign, creates a significant opportunity for every American to learn more about ways to prepare for emergencies; and

WHEREAS: DHS, in partnership with more than 1,800 organizations, including national, regional, state, and local government organizations, works to highlight the importance of public emergency preparedness throughout September; and

WHEREAS: A collaborative effort among all state agencies for emergency planning and preparedness has become a top priority, because by planning before a disaster occurs, we can reduce the risk to lives and property; and

WHEREAS: More lives can be saved if families become better prepared by taking a few simple steps, including acquiring a preparedness kit, making a plan, and being informed; and

WHEREAS: During the month of September and in conjunction with NPM, state and local agencies are encouraged to promote individual and family disaster preparedness for all hazards in Arkansas. These activities, along with programs like Citizen Corps and others, contribute to a level of state and national readiness that is critical to securing our homeland;

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 September 2009, as

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across the State of Arkansas, and I call upon those who are in leadership positions – whether in business, government, or other public service – to join in furthering the development of readiness plans to protect lives during severe weather conditions and all other types of emergencies.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 28th day of August in the year of our Lord 2009.





MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR



CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE