STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Communities and areas in all regions of the State have suffered from, and are threatened by, floods and the occurrence and hazards of flooding. It is anticipated that flooding in areas of our State will continue to contribute to the destruction of life and property in the future, and constitute a hindrance to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: In 1968, the United States Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program to mitigate future flood damage and to provide citizens with protection against potential loss of life and property during flood events; and

WHEREAS: Affordable flood insurance is available to all citizens in communities that elect to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS: The adoption and enforcement of floodplain-management ordinances that reduce future flood risks to new construction in flood-hazard areas are requisites for community entry into the National Flood Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas Act 629 of 1969 authorizes cities, towns, and counties to enact and enforce land use measures, including ordinances, to alleviate flood hazards and losses in flood-prone areas of the State; and

WHEREAS: Informed public officials and citizenry are better able to follow good land-use measures, maintain the public safety, and protect life and property against the hazards of flooding; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, the Arkansas Floodplain Management Association, Inc., the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, and other organizations have joined in sponsoring Flood Awareness Month and in providing information concerning flood awareness;

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 May 2014, as

FLOOD AWARENESS MONTH

across the State of Arkansas, and I call upon those in leadership positions, whether in business, government, or other public service, to join in furthering the development of preparedness plans that protect lives and property during severe weather conditions.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 2nd day of May, in the year of our Lord 2014.

MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR

Mark Martin

MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE