June 13, 2019

Governor Asa Hutchinson
State Capitol Room 250
500 Woodlane Ave.
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Lakes Appreciation Month Proclamation

Governor Hutchinson,

Beaver Water District fully supports the recent proclamation making July “Lakes Appreciation Month” in Arkansas. Lakes Appreciation Month is a long-standing program of the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS) in efforts to promote enjoyment, awareness, and stewardship of our lakes, reservoirs, and their watersheds throughout July. With over a half-million acres of reservoirs in Arkansas, summer is a great time to encourage all Arkansans to appreciate the lakes of our Natural State by participating in recreational activities such as swimming and boating, stewardship and cleanup programs, and enjoying the scenic beauty and benefits provided by them – including drinking water for much of the state.

In addition to Lakes Appreciation Month being a time to appreciate these natural resources, it is a time to think about where we would be without their water, and the importance of partnerships to protect them from threats such as excess sediment, nutrients, and invasive plant and animal species that put stress on waterbodies. The importance of protecting these lakes and reservoirs for future generations is critical to our quality of life, communities, wildlife, and potential for future growth and economic development.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Executive Officer

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