STRAYIE OF ARKANISAS EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the people across Arkansas wish to live in harmony with the natural resources and leave a better earth for our children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, conservationists across our beautiful state work handin-hand with the citizens of Arkansas to conserve natural resources and to create a healthy land; and

WHEREAS, leadership for conservation of natural resources on private lands is provided by a partnership that includes the Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts, Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts Employees, Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission, University of Arkansas Extension Service, Arkansas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff 1890 Research and Extension, Arkansas Forestry Commission, Indian tribes and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and its predecessor, the Soil Conservation Service, have been helping agricultural landowners in Arkansas meet their conservation goals; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Conservation Service has established an important conservation partnership with farmers and ranchers in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, now is the time to recognize the contributions of the Natural Resources Conservation Service and its partners and to increase awareness among the state's citizens of the importance of natural resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Huckabee, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2005, as

CONSERVATION DAY

in the State of Arkansas in honor of the 70th anniversary of the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 14TH day of April, in the year of our Lord 2005.

> Mile Knoksbee MIKE HUCKABEE, GOVERNOR

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