

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansas farmers harvested 3.1 million acres of soybeans in 2016, producing 146 million bushels valued at more than \$1.5 billion; and

WHEREAS: Mulberry, Arkansas is the edamame capital of the United States, producing approximately 2,000 acres of edamame; and

WHEREAS: Soybeans are Arkansas's largest row crop at 3.1 million acres, accounting for more acres than rice, corn, sorghum, and wheat combined; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas ranks as 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation for soybean production; and

WHEREAS: Soy-based products are an environmentally responsible choice and are available to manufacturers in many industries; and

WHEREAS: Soybeans are among Arkansas's most valuable crop and are important to the economy and the people of our State; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas encourages its citizens to experience soybean agriculture through conversation, a meal, or time with a soybean producer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, 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 November 2017 as

**ARKANSAS SOYBEAN MONTH**

across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State