

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansans are grateful for the significant contributions to our economy by the Natural State's agricultural producers; and

WHEREAS: Farmers Markets are important outlets for agricultural producers in Arkansas, providing them with increased opportunities to meet consumer demand for a variety of fresh, affordable, convenient and healthful produce from the farm; and

WHEREAS: More than one hundred Farmers Markets across Arkansas play a key role in developing local and regional food systems that support the sustainability of family farms, revitalize rural communities and preserve Arkansas's rich tradition of family farming; and

WHEREAS: The increased consumption of fresh produce and other farm products found at Farmers Markets, as part of a balanced diet, promotes the health and well-being of Arkansans; and

WHEREAS: The number and popularity of Farmers Markets in Arkansas continues to rise, as more and more consumers discover the joys of shopping for unique ingredients directly from the farm; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas recognizes the many benefits of Farmers Markets for agricultural producers and consumers and is committed to educating our State and National about the important role of Arkansas agriculture in providing our food supply and food security;

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 August 2 through August 8, 2015, as

FARMERS MARKET WEEK IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to recognize the important contributions of Arkansas's agricultural producers and Farmers Markets to the well-being of our State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 31st day of July, in the year of our Lord 2015.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State