

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Rice is a primary staple for more than half of the world's population, and has remained one of the most important foods throughout history; and

WHEREAS: Grown in this country since 1685, rice is one of America's oldest agribusinesses, and today U.S.-grown rice makes an essential contribution to our national diet and economy; and

WHEREAS: The United States produces more than 20 billion pounds of rice annually and is the fifth largest exporter of rice, supplying this nutritious grain for world trade and the feeding of millions around the globe; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas is a key supplier of U.S.-grown rice, producing nearly 10 billion pounds each year; and

WHEREAS: Providing an excellent source of complex carbohydrates, rice is an fundamental source of nutritional value; it is cholesterol-free, sodium-free, and trans-fat free; and

WHEREAS: Enjoyed in many forms, rice is the foundation for main dishes, side dishes, cereals, flour, bran, cooking oil, rice cakes and other healthful foods; and

WHEREAS: Rice farmers in our State and in our country play a key role in the enhancement of habitat for wetlands-dependent wildlife species, such as ducks, geese, swans, cranes and others; and

WHEREAS: The harvest of rice in this nation and in Arkansas is celebrated each year in September;

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 September 2015, as.

ARKANSAS RICE MONTH

across the State, and I encourage 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 25th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2015.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State