STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansans appreciate the significant contributions to our economy by Arkansas 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, healthful and locally sourced products; 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 well- balanced diet, promotes the health and well-being of Arkansans; and

WHEREAS: The number and popularity of Farmers Markets in Arkansas continue to rise, as more and more consumers discover the benefits of locally grown and made products; 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 this Nation about the important role of Arkansas agriculture in providing for 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 7th through August 13th, 2016, as

FARMERS MARKET WEEK IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

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 July, in the year of our Lord 2016.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

est:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State