

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 2015, valued at more than \$1.5 billion; and
- WHEREAS: In 2014, Arkansas farmers achieved a state yield average of 49.5 bushels per acre, which was the highest average yield in state history; 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 has been ranked 10th 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 Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board's mission is to positively promote soybean research, soybean uses and the importance of agriculture to Arkansas's economy; and
- WHEREAS: The month of November is designated as Arkansas Soybean Month by the Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board; and
- WHEREAS: The Board encourages citizens statewide to celebrate this month through soybean use, education and conversation in homes and businesses;

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, 2016, 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 11th day of October, in the year of our Lord 2016.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson", written over a horizontal line.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Martin", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State