

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Agriculture is Arkansas's largest industry and contributes over \$21 billion to our state's economy each year; and

WHEREAS: Egg production consistently ranks among Arkansas's top 10 agricultural commodities in cash receipts, valued at \$484 million annually; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas produces more than 1.2 billion shell eggs annually and ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation for egg production value and 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation for egg exports; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas egg industry and its employees pay approximately \$4 million in state and local taxes and \$8 million in federal taxes; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas has egg processing facilities in seven counties in Central and Northwest Arkansas committed to providing premium eggs and egg products; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Agriculture Department's Livestock and Poultry Commission annually issues more than 250 egg handling permits for the sale and distribution of eggs within the State of Arkansas to entities meeting the United States Department of Agriculture's health, safety, and quality standards; and

WHEREAS: Eggs are a good source of high quality protein and other nutrients for children and adults, including vitamin D, phosphorus, riboflavin, and selenium;

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 May 2018, as

**ARKANSAS EGG MONTH**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord 2018.



Attest:

*Mark Martin*  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State

*Asa Hutchinson*  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor