

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansas farmers harvested 3.5 million acres of soybeans in 2017, producing 178.5 million bushels valued at more than \$1.7 billion; and

WHEREAS: Soybeans are Arkansas's largest row crop, accounting for more acres than rice, corn, sorghum, and wheat combined; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas ranks as 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 crops and are important to the economy and the people of our State; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas encourages its citizens to experience soybean agriculture through conversation, a meal, or time with a soybean producer;

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 2018, 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 1st day of October, in the year of our Lord 2018.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State