

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Agriculture is Arkansas's largest industry, providing more than \$21 billion in value to Arkansas's economy annually; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas poultry industry, including turkeys, chickens, and eggs, provides 49.6% of the agriculture industry's total cash receipts; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas ranks 3rd in the nation in the production of turkeys, producing over 11% of all turkeys raised in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas produces 26 million turkeys per year, providing 527 million pounds of protein annually; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas turkey production adds approximately \$341 million in value to Arkansas's economy annually; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas turkey industry creates and supports over 14,000 jobs in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Cargill and Butterball, two of the largest turkey companies in the United States, have facilities in four Arkansas cities: Jonesboro, Springdale, Huntsville and Ozark; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas turkey industry and its employees pay approximately \$78.2 million in state and local taxes and \$152.2 million in federal taxes;

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 19th through November 25th, 2018, as

ARKANSAS TURKEY WEEK

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 15th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2018.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State