STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Nearly twenty percent of Arkansas's economy is based on food, fiber and forestry. Agricultural pursuits generate more than $21 billion to the Arkansas economy annually, while Arkansas ranks 16th in the nation in agricultural cash receipts; and

WHEREAS: Two-thirds of the counties in Arkansas rely heavily on farming and forestry as their economic base. The Natural State has more than 43,000 farms on 13.7 million acres and more than 19 million acres of forestland; and

WHEREAS: Agriculture and food related activities and industries provide more than 280,000 jobs and employ one in every six Arkansans, contributing significantly to the economic well-being of our State; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas ranks in the top 25 in the nation in production in fifteen agriculture commodities and is in the top 10 in production of rice, catfish, baitfish, broilers, turkeys and cotton; and

WHEREAS: Farmers, ranchers, and foresters provide the bulk of the state's wildlife habitat, practice sound environmental stewardship and supply community leadership throughout rural Arkansas;

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 March 12th, 2019, as

FARMERS DAY

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to recognize the contributions of the farmers, ranchers, and foresters to the state and to the nation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 5th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2019.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary Of State