

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: Arkansas has cattle production in each of Arkansas's 75 counties; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas has 935,000 head of beef cattle and 1,780,000 head of cattle and calves; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas has 28,292 cattle operations and 25,361 farms with beef cows; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas ranks 11th in the nation in the production of beef cows and 20th in the nation in the production of cattle and calves; and

WHEREAS: Cattle and calves consistently rank among Arkansas's top ten agricultural commodities in cash receipts, valued at more than \$766 million; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas exports beef and beef products totaling more than \$21 million dollars to trading partners around the world; and

WHEREAS: Beef is a good source of high quality protein and other essential nutrients including iron and zinc;

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 2019, as

ARKANSAS BEEF MONTH

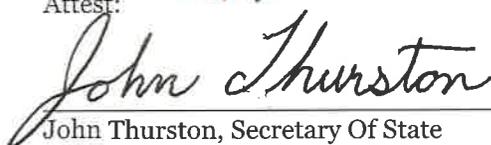
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 6th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



John Thurston, Secretary Of State