STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansans are grateful for the significant contributions to our economy made by farmers who produce and market dairy products; and

WHEREAS: The dairy industry is the second largest segment of American agriculture and is an integral component of Arkansas's farm sector; and

WHEREAS: More than 100 Arkansas farm families derive their income from the sale of milk, contributing over $100 million to the state's economy, and hundreds of Arkansans are employed in processing a vast array of dairy foods; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas has a rich tradition of family farming that has persevered and must continue to be preserved and strengthened in the future; and

WHEREAS: Milk and other dairy foods provide essential nutrition to the consuming public, and we must continue the work of educating our State and this Nation about the important role of dairy farmers in providing for our food supply and food security;

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 June 2019, as

ARKANSAS DAIRY MONTH

across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the significant economic and health benefits of the dairy industry to our State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2019.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary Of State