

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS: Agriculture is Arkansas's largest industry, contributing more than \$21 billion annually to our state's economy and providing the state with 269,556 jobs or one of every six jobs. Our diverse agricultural production includes livestock, poultry, aquaculture, row crop, specialty crop, and forestry; and
- WHEREAS: Arkansas's 42,500 farms and ranches operate on 13.0 million acres, with agricultural operations occurring in all 75 counties within the state; and
- WHEREAS: Farming is the primary occupation of 9,447 Arkansas women, and 6,787 women are principal producers; and
- WHEREAS: There are 25,396 Arkansas farms on 6,564,167 acres that have a female producer, and 16,956 farms on 4,111,919 acres that have a female as the principal producer; and
- WHEREAS: In Arkansas, women are the full owners of 12,693 farms with a total acreage of 1,740,884; women are part owners of 3,580 farms with a total acreage of 1,750,749; and
- WHEREAS: Our agricultural producers are creative, resilient, efficient, and hardworking individuals that represent some of the best and brightest in the world who work tirelessly to feed, clothe, and shelter those here at home and across the globe; and
- WHEREAS: Arkansas farmers, ranchers, and forestland owners play a vital leadership role in our communities and in the preservation and sustainability of our natural resources; and
- WHEREAS: Arkansas's strong agricultural heritage has given us the ability to overcome challenges and work together for the benefit of the industry at the state, national, and international level. Our agricultural producers are the backbone of our state's economy and are the foundation for our future;

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 15th through March 21st, 2020, as

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across the State, and I urge all citizens to commend AmeriCorps members, alumni, and National Service members for invaluable service to their communities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 2nd day of March, in the year of our Lord 2020.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



John Thurston, Secretary Of State

