

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Agriculture is Arkansas's largest industry and contributes over \$19.4 billion to our state's economy each year; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas has cattle production in each of its 75 counties; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas has 905,000 head of beef cows and 1,690,000 head of cattle and calves; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas has 23,036 farms with beef cows and 25,372 farms with cattle and calves; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas ranks 11th in the nation in the production of beef cows and 17th in the nation in cattle and calves inventory; and

WHEREAS: Cattle and calves consistently rank among Arkansas's top seven agricultural commodities in cash receipts, valued at more than \$426 million; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas exports beef and beef products totaling more than \$51.6 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 2022, 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 April, in the year of our Lord 2022.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston
John Thurston, Secretary of State