

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: Arkansas dairy farmers produce 60,000,000 pounds of milk per year from 5,000 milk cows. This averages to 12,000 pounds per cow on 30 licensed dairy farms valued at \$12.9 million; and

WHEREAS: The Direct Economic Impact of Dairy Products in Arkansas is \$2.7 billion, accounting for 9,983 jobs and \$429 million in wages; 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 2022, 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 9th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2022.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary of State