

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Agriculture is Arkansas's largest industry, providing more than \$19 billion in value to Arkansas's economy annually; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas poultry industry, including turkeys, broilers, and eggs, leads Arkansas's agricultural sector with total cash receipts of \$5.1 billion or almost 50 percent of state agricultural cash receipts; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas ranks third in the nation in turkeys raised, producing over 12.5 percent of all turkeys raised in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas produces 27 million turkeys per year, providing over 540 million pounds of protein annually; and

WHEREAS: Turkey production in the state adds approximately \$443 million in value to Arkansas's economy annually; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas turkey industry creates and supports 17,538 jobs in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas turkey industry and its employees pay approximately \$133 million in state and local taxes and \$176 million in federal taxes; and

WHEREAS: Cargill and Butterball, two of the largest turkey companies in the United States, have facilities in four Arkansas cities: Jonesboro, Springdale, Huntsville, and Ozark;

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 November 20th through November 26th, 2022, as

ARKANSAS TURKEY WEEK

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 September, in the year of our Lord 2022.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston

John Thurston, Secretary of State