

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Agriculture is Arkansas's largest industry and contributes over \$21 billion to our state's economy each year; and

WHEREAS: Egg production consistently ranks among Arkansas's top ten agricultural commodities in cash receipts, valued at \$504 million annually; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas produces more than 3.8 billion shell eggs annually and ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation for egg production value and 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation for egg exports; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas egg industry is responsible for as much as \$335 million in total economic activity throughout the state, creating or supporting as many as 1,137 total jobs; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas has seven egg processing facilities in Central and Northwest Arkansas committed to providing premium eggs and egg products; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Livestock and Poultry Commission has 15 shell egg inspectors that provide more than 14,000-man hours each year to ensure the highest egg quality standards are met at egg processing facilities, restaurants, farmers markets, retail stores, and other points of sale; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Livestock and Poultry Commission annually issues more than 300 egg handling permits for the sale and distribution of eggs within the State of Arkansas to entities meeting the United States Department of Agriculture's health, safety, and quality standards; and

WHEREAS: Eggs are a good source of high-quality protein and other nutrients for children and adults including Vitamin D, phosphorus, riboflavin, and selenium;

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 2021, as

ARKANSAS EGG MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord 2021.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Thurston".  
John Thurston, Secretary of State