

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Agriculture is Arkansas's largest industry, providing more than \$21 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 \$4.5 billion or 52% of state agricultural cash receipts; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas in 2020 is forecast to rank 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation in the number of turkeys raised, accounting for 14% of all turkeys raised in the United States; and

WHEREAS: In 2019, Arkansas raised 30 million turkeys per year, providing 576 million pounds of protein annually; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas turkey production adds approximately \$4.6 billion in value to Arkansas's economy annually; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas turkey industry creates and supports over 19,859 jobs in Arkansas; 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; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas turkey industry and its employees pay approximately \$121 million in state and local taxes and \$201 million in federal taxes;

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 22<sup>nd</sup> through November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord 2020.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor