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 2nd 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 22nd through November 28th, 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 1st day of October, in the year of our Lord 2020.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor