

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 \$3.7 billion or 46% of state agricultural cash receipts; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas in 2020 ranked second in the nation in the number of turkeys raised, accounting for 14% of all turkeys raised in the United States; and

WHEREAS: In 2020, Arkansas raised 31 million turkeys, with a total production of 595 million pounds, and a production value of \$422 million; and

WHEREAS: The industry is responsible for approximately \$4.3 billion in total economic activity throughout the state; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas turkey industry creates and supports over 17,500 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 \$176 million in federal taxes and \$134 million in state and local taxes; and

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 21st through November 27th, 2021, 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 14th day of October, in the year of our Lord 2021.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston

John Thurston, Secretary of State