

**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: Pork production consistently ranks among Arkansas's top 12 agricultural commodities in cash receipts, valued at \$57 million annually; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas has more than 797 farms that produce more than 1.2 million hogs annually; and

WHEREAS: The average American eats approximately 51 pounds of pork annually; and

WHEREAS: Pork is a good source of protein and other nutrients for children and adults, including thiamin, selenium, and zinc; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas pork producers produce a safe, wholesome product for the consuming public; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas pork producers protect and promote animal well-being; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas pork producers safeguard natural resources in their practices;

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 October 2020, as

**ARKANSAS PORK MONTH**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord 2020.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor