

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Farmers markets and other direct farm sales across the U.S. play a key role in developing local and regional food systems that support the sustainability of family farms and rural communities;

WHEREAS: More than 111 known Arkansas farmers markets are important outlets for agricultural producers, connecting them to consumers who are interested in investing in locally sourced products;

WHEREAS: A variety of products are sold at farmers markets including but not limited to vegetables, fruits, meats, cheeses, eggs, jams, and jellies;

WHEREAS: Direct-to-consumer sales from farmers markets and other direct marketing channels are used by over 1,400 Arkansas farmers and are valued at more than \$8.5 million; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas recognizes the many benefits of farmers markets for agriculture producers and consumers and is committed to educating our state and nation about the important role of Arkansas agriculture in providing for our food supply and food security.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, 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 June 9-15, 2024, as

"FARMER'S MARKET WEEK IN ARKANSAS"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 30th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2024.



Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor

John Thurston, Secretary of State