

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansans are grateful for the significant contributions to our economy made by farmers and those who produce, process, and market dairy products;

WHEREAS: The dairy industry is a significant segment of U.S. and Arkansas agriculture and is an integral component of Arkansas's economy;

WHEREAS: Arkansas dairy farmers produce 45,000,000 pounds of milk per year, from 4,000 milk cows, averaging 11,250 pounds per cow, on 30 licensed dairy farms, valued at \$12.1 million;

WHEREAS: Arkansas dairy farmers are declining in numbers; however, the dairy products sector of the industry is alive and well, with a \$2.7 billion direct economic impact in Arkansas;

WHEREAS: Dairy Month is an annual tradition that celebrates the contributions of the dairy industry;

WHEREAS: Dairy Month is a great way to start the summer with nutrient-rich dairy foods – from calcium to potassium, dairy products like milk contain nine essential nutrients which may help to better manage your weight, reduce your risk for high blood pressure, osteoporosis, and certain cancers;

WHEREAS: Whether it's protein to help build and repair the muscle tissue of active bodies or vitamin A to help maintain healthy skin, dairy products are a natural nutrient powerhouse;

WHEREAS: Arkansas has a rich tradition of family farming that must continue to be preserved and strengthened in the future; and

WHEREAS: We will continue the work of educating our state and nation about the important role of dairy farmers and the dairy industry in providing for our food supply and food security;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, Governor of the State Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim June 2023, as

"DAIRY MONTH IN ARKANSAS"

and urge the citizens of the state to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7th day of June, in the year of our Lord 2023.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sarah Sanders", is written over a horizontal line.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Thurston", is written over a horizontal line.

John Thurston, Secretary of State