

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:**

**WHEREAS:** Agriculture is Arkansas' largest industry and contributes over \$19 billion to our state's economy each year;

**WHEREAS:** Arkansans harvested 32,000 acres and produced 166.4 million pounds of peanuts in 12 Arkansas counties in 2022;

**WHEREAS:** Arkansas' 2022 yield led the nation with a 5,200-pound yield per acre, followed by Virginia and Mississippi with 4,500 pounds, North Carolina's 4,400, and Georgia's 4,250 pounds per acre;

**WHEREAS:** The value of Arkansas' peanut crop is more than \$42 million, making it the sixth largest cash crop in the state, and a significant contributor to our ag industry;

**WHEREAS:** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in 2014 formally recognized Arkansas as a primary peanut-producing state, granting Arkansas peanut producers a seat on the National Peanut Board;

**WHEREAS:** Greg Gill, a peanut farmer from Walnut Ridge, was the first Arkansan to serve as the chairman of the National Peanut Board in 2018 and Gregory Baltz is the current Arkansas representative;

**WHEREAS:** Peanuts add diversity to Arkansas' No.1 industry and provide opportunity for sustainable crop rotations;

**WHEREAS:** Peanuts and peanut butter are naturally cholesterol-free and a protein powerhouse, containing more protein than any other nut;

**WHEREAS:** Peanuts are an excellent source of niacin, magnesium, and contain vitamin E, biotin, and copper, along with a host of other nutrients;

**WHEREAS:** Peanuts contain approximately 80 percent unsaturated fat, which is considered the "good" fat. This beneficial plant fat can help lower cholesterol and reduce inflammation;

**WHEREAS:** Arkansas has a peanut shelling facility in Jonesboro and buying points at Portia, Pocahontas, Marianna, and Jonesboro; and

**WHEREAS:** Arkansas is home to a Skippy peanut butter facility, located in Little Rock; and

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 March as

**"ARKANSAS PEANUT MONTH"**

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 the 14th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2023.



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Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor



Attest:



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John Thurston, Secretary of State