

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Agriculture is Arkansas' largest industry and contributes over \$20.9 billion to our state's economy each year;

WHEREAS: The economic value of the Arkansas peach industry generates an estimated \$6.8 million annually;

WHEREAS: Arkansas has 183 farms that grow 451 acres of peaches;

WHEREAS: The peach industry is part of the diversification practices by many of Arkansas' full-time farmers and provides employment for many of our state's citizens and supplemental income for many rural families;

WHEREAS: The University of Arkansas-Peach Breeding Program has developed and released six peach cultivars which are planted across the United States;

WHEREAS: Peaches are grown in several regions of the state, supplying local farmers markets, grocery stores, and U-Pick farms, and are also shipped to regional and national retail markets; and

WHEREAS: Peaches provide many health benefits and are enjoyed by Arkansans statewide, enhancing the public health and well-being of the state.

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 July 2024 as

"PEACH MONTH 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 24th day of June, in the year of our Lord 2024.



Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor




John Thurston, Secretary of State