

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The American Heart Association's Go Red for Women® movement has been a positive force affecting the health of women for the more than 10 years, and, thanks in part to its efforts, more than 627,000 women's lives have been saved; and

WHEREAS: Heart disease is the number-one killer of women, yet only one-in-five American women believes that heart disease is her greatest health threat. Cardiovascular diseases cause one-in-three women's deaths each year, killing approximately one woman every minute; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 44 million women in the United States are affected by cardiovascular diseases, and an estimated 3,700 female Arkansans die from cardiovascular diseases annually. Another estimated 1,200 Arkansas women die each year from stroke; and

WHEREAS: Ninety percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease, but women comprise only 24 percent of participants in heart-related studies. Since 1984, more women than men have died each year from heart disease, and the gap between men and women's survival rates continues to widen; and

WHEREAS: Women are less likely to call 9-1-1 for themselves when experiencing symptoms of a heart attack than they are if someone else is having a heart attack; and

WHEREAS: In celebration of the National Wear Red Day on February 6, 2015, Go Red for Women® is encouraging women across America to join the American Heart Association in making America Go Red and in saving more women's lives;

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 February 6, 2015, as

NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY IN ARKANSAS

In the State, and I urge all citizens to show their support for women and their fight against heart disease by wearing red on this day. Through increasing awareness about heart disease and empowering women to reduce their risks for cardiovascular disease, thousands of lives can be saved each year.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 28th day of January, in the year of our Lord 2015.



ASA HUTCHINSON, GOVERNOR

Attest:



MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE

