

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: In the United States, colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths for both men and women; and

WHEREAS: Every three minutes, someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer and every ten minutes someone dies from colorectal cancer. The vast majority of colon cancer deaths can be prevented through proper screening and early detection; and

WHEREAS: Only 39 percent of colorectal cancer patients have their cancers detected at an early stage. The survival rate of individuals who have early stage colorectal cancer is 90 percent but is only 10 percent when diagnosed after it has spread to other organs; and

WHEREAS: If the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, the death rate from this disease could plummet by up to 70 percent; and

WHEREAS: Historically, the colorectal cancer rate has been significantly higher for some minorities, who are significantly less likely to be screened for colorectal cancer; and

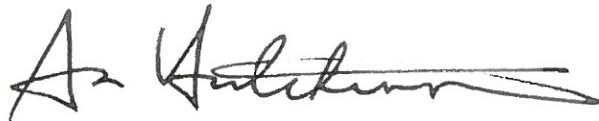
WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable and beatable in most cases and observing Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during March provides a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening;

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 March 2015, as

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

across the State, and I encourage citizens to fight this disease through education, screenings, and regular doctor visits.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 18th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2015.



ASA HUTCHINSON, GOVERNOR

Attest:



MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE

