

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The poem “Warning” by Jenny Joseph, which depicts an older woman in purple clothing with a red hat, inspired the Red Hat Society, which is now a world-wide disorganization of ladies dedicated to proving there is life and fun after 50; and

WHEREAS: The Red Hat Society is dedicated to greeting middle age with verve, humor and élan, accepting silliness as the comedic relief of life, while sharing a bond of affection, forged by common life experiences and a genuine enthusiasm for wherever life takes us next; and

WHEREAS: Not a sorority or a club, the Red Hat Society refers to itself, lightheartedly, as a *dis*organization of “empowered, fun-loving, like-minded women.” The “Red Hatters” must be at least fifty-years-old and wear red hats and purple attire to all Society functions. The “Pink Hatters”, the younger members who have not yet turned fifty, don pink hats and lavender apparel to attend RHS events; and

WHEREAS: Physicians encourage middle-age women to become “Red Hat” ladies as the benefits of social interaction, companionship, and engaging life with fun and vigor contribute so much to quality of life, proving that laughter has always been the best medicine; and

WHEREAS: The women strive with endless desire to fulfill their duty to be there for others, including husbands, children, home, work, church, business organizations, associations, and often struggle to find time for self;

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 7, 2015, as

RED HAT DAY

across the State of Arkansas and I urge my fellow citizens to recognize the Red Hat Society and its benefits to women.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 11th day of March in the year of our Lord 2015.



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ASA HUTCHINSON, GOVERNOR

Attest:

Mark Martin

MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE