

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: A stroke occurs when blood flow is interrupted to any part of the brain, resulting in tissue injury and loss of brain function. Pediatric stroke occurs at a rate of one in 2,700 live births each year, or twelve out of 100,000, and is the sixth leading cause of death in children; and

WHEREAS: Between 50 and 85 percent of infants and children who have a pediatric stroke will have serious, permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, attention deficit, learning and behavioral difficulties, and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

WHEREAS: The life-long health concerns and treatments following a pediatric stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family and society; and

WHEREAS: Little is known about the cause, treatment, and prevention of pediatric stroke because risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts and treatment are often different in children than in adults; and

WHEREAS: Only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for pediatric stroke be identified and developed; and

WHEREAS: An early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of pediatric stroke greatly improve chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence;

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 May 2015, as

PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to join me in raising awareness of pediatric stroke and supporting efforts to learn more about its causes and treatment options.

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 April, in the year of our Lord 2015.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State