

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Substance abuse has become a plague on our society. Each year, its effects claim countless lives, tearing families and communities apart. Drug and alcohol abuse compound other problems by fueling a rise in crime, disease, and domestic violence. Few lives remain untouched by the misery caused by the grip of addiction; and

WHEREAS: Drug Courts give a new opportunity to men and women who have chosen to achieve a drug-free lifestyle and to break the cycle of dependency; and

WHEREAS: National Drug Court Month shines a light on the collective impact of specialty courts such as Drug Courts, DWI Courts and Veterans Treatment Courts, and sends a powerful message that these courts are an essential part of the community; and

WHEREAS: Nationally, due in part to the extraordinary success of Drug Courts, forty years of escalating prison populations have reversed course and are declining; and

WHEREAS: At the present time, there are 43 Drug Courts in Arkansas and that number continues to grow each year;

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

STATE OF ARKANSAS DRUG COURT MONTH

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to recognize the benefits of Drug Courts for all citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 6th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2015.


Asa Hutchinson, Governor




Mark Martin, Secretary Of State