

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: *Syringomyelia is a disease in which a cyst or many cysts form and grow inside the spinal cord destroying the spinal cord and nerves that affect other parts of the body; and*

WHEREAS: *First discovered in 1803, Syringomyelia is a progressive disease of the spinal cord that is most accurately diagnosed by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Currently, there is no cure and no universal treatment protocol; and*

WHEREAS: *Symptoms can include headaches, neck pain, dizziness, cognitive problems, hot and cold intolerance, changes in heart rate, changes in blood pressure, moderate to severe pain in the back and shoulders as well as other parts of the body; and*

WHEREAS: *Those affected may also suffer numbness and weakness to arms and legs, difficulty swallowing, atrophy of the tongue, trouble breathing, muscle wasting, bladder and bowel problems, difficulty walking and loss of fine motor skills, along with many other symptoms that are severely disabling; and*

WHEREAS: *The Worldwide Syringomyelia Task Force, Inc. is a nonprofit organization founded on September 23, 2014 to educate the world and raise awareness about this disease;*

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

SYRINGOMYELIA AWARENESS MONTH

across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in raising awareness about this debilitating disease.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 24th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2015.



Attest:


Asa Hutchinson, Governor


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State