STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Emergency medical services is a vital public service and the members of emergency medical service teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS: Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS: The emergency medical services team consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, first responders, educators, administrators and others; and

WHEREAS: The members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS: It is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and

WHEREAS: This year's Emergency Medical Services Week theme, "EMS: STRONG", highlights the importance of honoring the more than 7,000 licensed EMS professionals and hundreds of emergency medical responders in our State for their outstanding accomplishments, dedication and contributions to the safety and well-being of our citizens;

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

TRAUMA AWARENESS MONTH

and May 17 through 23, 2015, as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

across the State, and I urge all citizens to observe this month and week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

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

Attest:

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State