

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Heterotaxy syndrome is a congenital disorder that results in certain organs forming on the opposite side of the body. For example, instead of the heart normally forming on the left side of the chest, it will be located on the right side; and

WHEREAS: Heterotaxy has been known to affect the development of the heart, liver, lungs, intestines and spleen. Babies with Heterotaxy syndrome are usually first identified because they have structural problems with their hearts or livers; and

WHEREAS: This syndrome is equally common in boys and girls and can occur in all ethnic groups. For every 1,000,000 babies born, four of them will have Heterotaxy syndrome. Rarely, Heterotaxy can only affect the boys in some families; and

WHEREAS: Heterotaxy Syndrome affects many body systems and requires a team of many specialists for treatment. Those with Heterotaxy syndrome that survive to adulthood find their condition largely unknown to their community; and

WHEREAS: Heterotaxy Syndrome Awareness Day provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected to celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated health professionals and to meet others and to know they are not alone;

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 4, 2015, as

HETEROTAXY SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

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

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 5th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2015.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State