

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: *May 14, 2015 marks the third annual Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day during which awareness will be raised about this particularly difficult, persistent, and severe speech and communication disorder in youngsters; and*

WHEREAS: *Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) causes children to have extreme difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe of speech and communication problems in children; and*

WHEREAS: *The act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, while those with apraxia endure an incredible and lengthy struggle; and*

WHEREAS: *Without appropriate intervention, children with apraxia are placed at high risk for secondary impacts in literacy and other school-related skills. It is imperative there be greater public awareness about CAS in Arkansas; and*

WHEREAS: *We encourage everyone to recognize the critical need to provide adequate speech therapy and other services so that the impact of this disorder can be minimized, allowing affected children to grow into productive, contributing citizens; and*

WHEREAS: *Our highest respect goes to the children and their families for their efforts, determination and resilience in the face of these obstacles;*

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 14, 2015, as

APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I urge all citizens to work within their communities to increase awareness and understanding of Childhood Apraxia of Speech.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 1st day of May, in the year of our Lord 2015.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State