

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Clubfoot describes a range of foot abnormalities usually present at birth in which a baby's foot is twisted out of shape or position; and

WHEREAS: In clubfoot, the tendons connecting the muscles to the bone are shorter than usual. The term "clubfoot" refers to the way the foot is positioned at a sharp angle to the ankle, like the head of a golf club

WHEREAS: The late Dr. Ignacio Ponseti developed the low-cost, non-surgical, highly effective Ponseti Method which is now the globally recognized standard of care for treating clubfoot deformity; and

WHEREAS: Hundreds of thousands of individuals from every country suffer lives of disability when not receiving proper treatment for this deformity; and

WHEREAS: Serious impediments to treating clubfoot include stigma and ignorance about clubfoot and lack of awareness that clubfoot is treatable; and

WHEREAS: The Ponseti International Association was established in 2006 to raise awareness of treatment for clubfoot deformity;

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 June 3, 2015, as

WORLD CLUBFOOT DAY

across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in raising awareness of treatment for clubfoot deformity.

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 May, in the year of our Lord 2015.


Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State