

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita (AMC) is a condition that causes many joints to be stiff and crooked at birth; and

WHEREAS: Joints that can be affected by AMC include the hands, feet, hips, knees, elbows, shoulders, wrists, fingers, toes, the jaw and the spine. Any and all joints can be affected, but it is possible for some joints to be unaffected; and

WHEREAS: On average, Arthrogryposis occurs in one of every 3,000 live births. A newborn has to have three contracted joints in two different body areas in order to be given a diagnosis of Arthrogryposis; and

WHEREAS: AMC is an umbrella diagnosis, meaning that it is part of many other conditions and syndromes. There are over 400 types of AMC with Amyoplasia and Distal Escobar Syndrome the more common types; and

WHEREAS: Arthrogryposis is not curable, but it is treatable and treatment goals are usually related to promote as much independence as possible in active daily living;

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 30, 2015, as

ARTHROGRYPOSIS AWARENESS DAY

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to become more aware of Arthrogryposis and the families affected by this condition.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 2nd day of June, in the year of our Lord 2015.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State