

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Gastroparesis is a motility disorder where the stomach is literally paralyzed. According to the Centers for Disease Control, Gastroparesis causes the stomach to take too long to empty itself due to nerve damage and frequently occurs in people with either type 1 or type 2 diabetes; and

WHEREAS: The most common cause of gastroparesis is diabetes, however, other causes include stomach surgery, viral infections, eating disorders, medications, gastroesophageal reflux disease, smooth muscle disorders, nervous system diseases and metabolic disorders; and

WHEREAS: Symptoms of gastroparesis include heartburn, nausea, vomiting of undigested food, an early feeling of fullness when eating, weight loss, abdominal bloating, erratic blood glucose levels, lack of appetite, gastroesophageal reflux and spasms of the stomach wall; and

WHEREAS: The National Institute of Health estimates that more than five million people have been diagnosed with gastroparesis;

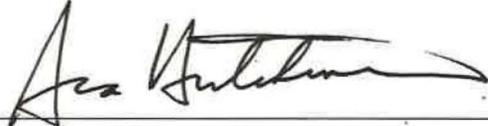
NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim August 2015, as

**GASTROPARESIS/MOTILITY DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH**

across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in raising awareness of 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the year of our Lord 2015.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State