

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: All muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness – from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis – of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and

WHEREAS: More than one million individuals in the United States are affected by one of the different types of muscular dystrophy. Muscular dystrophy strikes people regardless of race, gender, age or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS: There are four times as many new clinical trials underway than in the 1990s and more new drugs for treatment are expected in the next few years, advancing the fight for a cure for neuromuscular disease; and

WHEREAS: Raising public awareness of these diseases will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as bring much needed funding for support and services for families in the Arkansas affected by muscular dystrophy and neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS: Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month and Light It Up Green For MD Month is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and issues in the muscular dystrophy community;

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

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH
AND
LIGHT IT UP GREEN FOR MD MONTH

and across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in raising awareness of MD through appropriate activities during this observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 20th day of July, in the year of our Lord 2015.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State