

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: According to the American Red Cross, someone in the United States needs blood every two seconds; and

WHEREAS: More than 41,000 blood donations are needed every day and a total of 30 million blood components are transfused each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Blood cannot be manufactured – it can only come from generous donors. There are an estimated 9.2 million blood donors in the U.S. annually who give more than 15 million blood donations; and

WHEREAS: Although thirty-eight percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, less than ten percent actually do each year; and

WHEREAS: One blood donation can save as many as three lives and typically takes only about an hour; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Blood Institute is a non-profit blood center whose volunteer donors provide blood needed by patients in 18 Arkansas hospitals; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Blood Institute is committed to saving the lives of Arkansans and is opening a blood donor center in Central Arkansas, making it convenient for thousands of Arkansans to give blood;

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 September 2015, as

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across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of donating blood to have a reliable and adequate blood supply.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 21st day of August, in the year of our Lord 2015.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson", written over a horizontal line.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Martin", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State