

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Each year across America, thousands of children courageously fight pediatric cancer and face life-threatening battles that would be a challenge for individuals of any age. These children are cared for by loving families, friends, and communities, banding together to support children in times of great need; and

WHEREAS: The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report that, in the United States, cancer is the leading cause of death from disease among children under the age of 15, with more than 15,000 of our nation's young people diagnosed with cancer every year; and

WHEREAS: One-in-five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer and many will suffer from the long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancer

WHEREAS: Founded over twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor family, the American Cancer Fund for Children and its sister organization, the Kids Cancer Connection, are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS: The American Cancer Fund and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital psycho-social services for children who are undergoing cancer treatment in the Division of Hematology/Oncology in the Department of Pediatrics at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock, as well as in participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS: These organizations also sponsor the nationwide Courageous Kid recognition-award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in honor of particular children's determination and bravery in fighting their battles against childhood cancers;

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

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

across the State of Arkansas, and I encourage my fellow citizens to join me in helping to promote efforts for the prevention, treatment, and eventual cure of all childhood cancers.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 13th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2015.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Att
Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State