

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: In the year 2015, nearly 2,050 men in Arkansas will learn they have prostate cancer and 290 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS: African-American men in Arkansas are more likely to develop prostate cancer and two-and-a-half times more likely to die from the disease than Caucasian men; and

WHEREAS: Healthcare guidelines recommend men ages 45-70 should consider prostate cancer screening after consultation with a healthcare provider; and

WHEREAS: Increased awareness and use of timely and appropriate detection and improved treatment practices by men are essential in controlling prostate cancer, a disease that can affect the lives of entire families in significant ways; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Prostate Cancer Foundation and the Us TOO International Prostate Cancer Education and Support Network promote awareness, encourage timely detection, support improved treatment and survivorship of prostate cancer;

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

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

across the State, and I urge all men in Arkansas to become aware of risks for prostate cancer, to talk to their healthcare providers about prostate cancer and, whenever appropriate, to be screened for this life-altering disease.

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, Governor

Attest:


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State