

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Respiratory care practitioners are a critical part of the team of medical personnel committed to providing high-quality patient care across Arkansas, and are vital to sustaining high standards of health care; and

WHEREAS: These respiratory professionals work in all areas of health care, from the emergency room to critical-care units to medical and surgical units to diagnostics, in skilled-nursing facilities and in home health-care settings; and

WHEREAS: The number of people affected by chronic lung disorders is staggering, and these diseases cost Arkansans millions of dollars annually in medical expenses, hospitalization and physicians' visits; and

WHEREAS: Respiratory care practitioners endeavor to educate the public about the prevention and early detection of lung diseases and encourage family physicians to utilize early screening tests for their patients; and

WHEREAS: Both state and national observances of this week will focus on increasing public awareness of the importance of the early detection of a wide variety of persistent lung disorders;

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 October 25 through October 31, 2015, as

**RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK**

across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to work together to help raise awareness of the prevalence and serious effects associated with respiratory disease.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2015.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State