

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Each year, more than six million lives are lost to stroke worldwide and one-in-six people will suffer a stroke in their lifetime. Stroke is the leading cause of serious long-term disability and the fourth-leading cause of death in the United States, killing about 130,000 people nationwide and 1,900 Arkansans each year; and

WHEREAS: Stroke prevalence is projected to increase by 24.9 percent between 2010 and 2030, and the direct medical costs for treating stroke are expected to increase by 238 percent, from \$28.3 billion in 2010 to \$95.6 billion by 2030; and

WHEREAS: New and effective treatments have been developed to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effect of strokes, although more research is needed; and

WHEREAS: One-in-three Americans are unable to recall any stroke warning signs or symptoms; and

WHEREAS: Americans are more aware of the risk factors and warning signs for stroke than in the past, but the American Stroke Association's "Together to End Stroke" campaign helps people learn how to recognize and respond to stroke warning signs using the acronym F.A.S.T. F – face drooping, A – arm weakness, S – speech difficulty, and T – time to call 9-1-1 if any signs are present; and

WHEREAS: On World Stroke Day, October 29<sup>th</sup>, the American Stroke Association encourages Americans to learn and spread the warning signs for stroke by sharing the F.A.S.T. infographic, by joining the World Stroke Day Pledge at [StrokeAssociation.org/worldstrokeday](http://StrokeAssociation.org/worldstrokeday), and by downloading the F.A.S.T. mobile application at [StrokeAssociation.org/warning signs](http://StrokeAssociation.org/warning signs); and

WHEREAS: The American Stroke Association, in collaboration with stroke organizations throughout the world, encourage the public to wear the Stroke Solidarity String, which serves as a universal symbol to unite the world in the fight against stroke;

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 29, 2015, as

**WORLD STROKE DAY IN ARKANSAS**

across the State of Arkansas, and I encourage all citizens to consult their doctors about stroke prevention and the warning signs of stroke and to support research for treatment to eliminate the threat of stroke.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord 2015.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

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Mark Martin, Secretary Of State