

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting at least 2.3 million people worldwide; and

WHEREAS: The National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Arkansas Chapter has been and will continue to be committed to creating a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease while mobilizing people and resources so that everyone affected by MS can live their best lives as we stop MS in its tracks, restore what has been lost and end MS forever; and

WHEREAS: Since 1946 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment and a cure and has invested more than 920 million dollars in groundbreaking research; and

WHEREAS: Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel the efforts of more than 380 research projects globally totaling nearly 54 million dollars annually at the best medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the United States and abroad. As a result, MS research has never been more hopeful than it is today; and

WHEREAS: Discovering the cause, finding a cure, and preventing future generations from being diagnosed with MS is an important task that all Americans and Arkansans should support; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS, a chronic and often devastating disease, and expresses its appreciation and admiration for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Arkansas Chapter has shown toward a future free of MS;

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 March 7<sup>th</sup> through March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as

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across the State, and I encourage all Arkansas to learn more about multiple sclerosis and what they can do to support individuals with MS and their families.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord 2016.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State