

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The standard of quality in our healthcare system is important to all Americans. Citizens of all backgrounds, whether young or old or from large cities or rural communities, deserve the highest quality healthcare from our health institutions and health professionals; and

WHEREAS: Responsibility for maintaining high quality standards of this country's healthcare system lies at the heart of public health and will take the efforts of healthcare quality professionals, our communities, the government and our healthcare providers and businesses, all working together to promote and enhance the quality of patient care; and

WHEREAS: Patient safety is central to top-quality healthcare in our nation and our state, and the key to improving patient safety is understanding the underlying causes of errors, learning from reported errors, and working to eliminate conditions that contribute to preventable errors; and

WHEREAS: Increased improvement in patient safety can be achieved by promoting the widespread sharing of best practices within the healthcare industry, as well as by continuous communication between patients and caregivers; and

WHEREAS: The National Patient Safety Foundation has designated March 13<sup>th</sup> through March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as Patient Safety Awareness Week to make the public more aware of the importance of patient safety through its campaign, United in Safety;

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 13<sup>th</sup> through March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as

**PATIENT SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord 2016.



*Asa Hutchinson*  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest

*Mark Martin*  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State