

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Lynch syndrome, a hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is an inherited condition that increases an affected individual's risk of developing colorectal cancer, endometrial cancer, as well as cancers of the urinary tract, ovaries, pancreas, and other types of cancers; and

WHEREAS: While 1 in 370 Americans have Lynch Syndrome, the condition is severely underdiagnosed with a detection rate below 10%; and

WHEREAS: The first step of diagnosing Lynch syndrome is through a patient's researching and documenting a comprehensive family history to present to a physician for assessment; and

WHEREAS: If the family medical history indicates a predisposition to Lynch syndrome, genetic testing should be discussed between the patient and a physician; and

WHEREAS: Once Lynch syndrome has been diagnosed, a highly targeted screening and medical-management program are essential and may be lifesaving. During routine surveillance screening, tumors may be discovered and are more easily removed or treated before becoming life-threatening; and

WHEREAS: Though no cure has yet been discovered for Lynch syndrome, genetic testing can help to identify the risk for cancers that run in families. By exercising preventive measures (early diagnosis, surveillance, and treatment), enhanced quality of life and longevity can be achieved, and individuals and families can be protected from 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 March 22nd, 2016, as

LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to raise awareness of and learn more about this hereditary condition, collect their family history information, and share it with their health-care providers in order to assess individual risks and take steps toward prevention and detection.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 11th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State