

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The week of May 8<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup> is designated as National Women's Lung Health Week by the American Lung Association to recognize that more can be done to safeguard women's health and raise awareness of lung cancer in women; and

WHEREAS: Every five minutes, a woman in the United States is diagnosed with lung cancer, making it vital for women to promote their own lung health and to avoid disease and illness by taking steps to prevent and control lung disease risk factors; and

WHEREAS: Lung cancer is the number one cancer killer of women in the United States, surpassing breast cancer in 1987, and the lung cancer death rate in women has increased dramatically over the past 37 years; and

WHEREAS: Keeping women healthy and promoting awareness of healthy air is an important responsibility and depends on the actions of many organizations, groups and individuals in our communities; and

WHEREAS: Advocacy and increased awareness will result in more and better treatment for women with lung cancer and other lung diseases, which will ultimately save lives; and

WHEREAS: *Lung Force*, led by the American Lung Association, is working to unite women to stand together to lead the fight against lung cancer and for lung health; and

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 May 8<sup>th</sup> through May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as

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across the State, and I urge all citizens to learn more about the detection and treatment of lung cancer and all types of lung disease.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord 2016.



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Mark Martin, Secretary Of State