

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Myasthenia gravis (MG) is a rare autoimmune neuromuscular disease which causes weakness of the voluntary muscles, which can impact a person's ability to see, smile, walk, talk and breathe; and

WHEREAS: Although MG is controllable for most patients by medication and other treatments, it is often misdiagnosed, which can prove fatal; and

WHEREAS: Due to its rarity (approximately 100,000 people are living with MG in the United States today), many Americans are often undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS: The Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc. (MGFA) is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1952; and

WHEREAS: The MGFA has a network of support groups throughout the United States whose mission is to facilitate the timely diagnosis and optimal care of individuals affected by MG and to improve their lives through programs of patient services, public information, medical research, professional education, advocacy and patient care;

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 June 2016, as

MYASTHENIA GRAVIS AWARENESS MONTH

across the State, and I urge all citizens to focus attention on the need for education, treatment, research and ultimately, a cure.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 13th day of June, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State