

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common, serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life-threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and

WHEREAS: Alpha-1 has been identified in virtually all populations, and up to 6 percent of Caucasians in the U.S. carry a single deficient gene and may pass the gene on to their children; and

WHEREAS: Alpha-1 is widely under diagnosed and misdiagnosed, and fewer than ten percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed. It often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be done using a simple blood test; and

WHEREAS: It is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; and

WHEREAS: During the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition;

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 November, 2016, as

ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to learn more about this serious hereditary disorder.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 29th day of September, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State