

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: According to the American Cancer Society in 2015, over 221,000 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed and an estimated 158,000 people will die from this disease; and

WHEREAS: In Arkansas and in the nation as a whole, lung cancer accounts for more deaths than breast cancer, prostate cancer and colon cancer combined, making it the leading cause of cancer deaths for both men and women; and

WHEREAS: Cigarette smoking is the number one cause of lung cancer; however, this disease may also be caused by using other types of tobacco products (including pipes or cigars); breathing secondhand smoke; being exposed to substances, including asbestos or radon at home or at work; and having a family history of lung cancer; and

WHEREAS: Early lung cancer diagnosis and management protocols exist, but they have not yet been embraced as the standards of care. Seventy percent of new lung cancer cases will be diagnosed at a late stage, with only a 15 percent, five-year survival rate; and

WHEREAS: The Coalition for a Tobacco Free Arkansas, the Center for Chest Care and the Arkansas Cancer Coalition work to increase public awareness of the causes of lung cancer in our State;

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

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

across the State of Arkansas, and I encourage my fellow citizens to join me in working to make lung cancer a state and national priority and to offer compassion to people with this difficult disease.

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



Attest:

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State

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Asa Hutchinson, Governor