

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The health of our community's people is the foundation for a productive society, and our future rests on our ability to adequately treat, and ultimately find cures for, individuals who are afflicted with a variety of illnesses including pulmonary hypertension; and

WHEREAS: Pulmonary hypertension is a chronic, life-threatening lung disease marked by elevated blood pressure in the lungs; and

WHEREAS: Without treatment, pulmonary hypertension patients live an average of 2.8 years past diagnosis; and

WHEREAS: Multiple treatments are available for pulmonary hypertension but it takes patients an average of nearly three years to be accurately diagnosed. This delay in diagnosis has not changed in the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS: Pulmonary hypertension patients who are diagnosed earlier have a longer life-expectancy; and

WHEREAS: Education can help with early diagnosis, and funding for research can help with finding a cure; and

WHEREAS: The Pulmonary Hypertension Association is a non-profit organization that seeks ways to prevent and cure pulmonary hypertension, and to provide hope for the pulmonary hypertension community through support, education, advocacy and awareness;

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

**PULMONARY HYPERTENSION AWARENESS MONTH**

and I urge all the citizens of the State to recognize the seriousness of this disease and the meritorious work of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association in their search to find 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State