

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) has been committed to helping and uniting families through difficult times for the past 42 years; and

WHEREAS: RMHC's main programs include Ronald McDonald Houses, Ronald McDonald Family Rooms, and Ronald McDonald Care Mobiles, promoting family-focused care for families with children who have illnesses or health needs; and

WHEREAS: Ronald McDonald Houses provide families a place to stay while their child is hospitalized or receiving medical attention so that the concentration can be placed on the recovery and healing of their little one. These Houses include private bedrooms, home-cooked meals, and playrooms for children at little or no cost to families away from their home; and

WHEREAS: On November 16th, 2016, the Little Rock community will celebrate the Grand Opening of a new Ronald McDonald House, a project which took three years of planning and 8.7 million dollars; and

WHEREAS: This new Ronald McDonald House is nearly triple the size of the current facility that has served over 30,000 families for the past 36 years; and

WHEREAS: This new House is a result of diligent efforts to ensure sick children have a strong family support system as they pursue good health;

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 16th, 2016, as

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE DAY

across the State, and I commend all the individuals who made this excellent project a reality.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 28th day of October, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Attest:

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State

Asa Hutchinson, Governor