

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: In 2016, an estimated 53,070 people in the United States will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, one of the deadliest cancers, and 41,780 will die from this disease; and

WHEREAS: Pancreatic cancer surpassed breast cancer this year to become the third leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and it is projected to become the second leading cause in the future; and

WHEREAS: Pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just eight percent; and

WHEREAS: When symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally in the later stages, and 71 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 420 deaths will occur in Arkansas in 2016; and

WHEREAS: Pancreatic cancer is the seventh most common cause of cancer-related death in men and women across the world; and

WHEREAS: There will be an estimated 418,451 new pancreatic cancer cases diagnosed worldwide in 2020; and

WHEREAS: The good health and wellbeing of the residents of Arkansas are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes and effective treatments;

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 17th, 2016, as

WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 24th day of October, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State