

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. among men and women combined, and there is currently no cure; and

WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer affects men and women equally; and

WHEREAS: Every 3 minutes, someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer and every 10 minutes someone dies from colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS: The national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is 80 percent of Americans ages 50 and older be screened by the year 2018; and

WHEREAS: If the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, the death rate from this disease could plummet by up to 70 percent; and

WHEREAS: It is critical that all people, of all ages, know the signs and symptoms of this disease; and

WHEREAS: Observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March would provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening;

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 March 2017, as

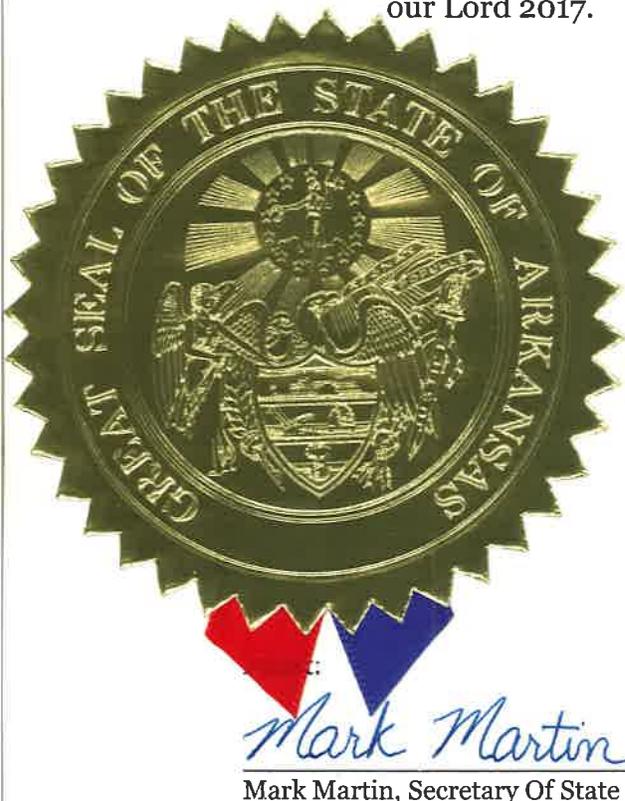
COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to learn more about the screening and prevention of colorectal cancer.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 23rd day of January, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State