

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The standard of quality in our healthcare system is important to all Americans. Citizens of all backgrounds, whether young or old or from large cities or rural communities, deserve the highest quality healthcare from our health institutions and health professionals; and

WHEREAS: Responsibility for maintaining high quality standards of this country's healthcare system lies at the heart of public health and will take the efforts of healthcare quality professionals, our communities, the government and our healthcare providers and businesses, all working together to promote and enhance the quality of patient care; and

WHEREAS: Patient safety is central to top-quality healthcare in our nation and our state, and increased improvement in patient safety can be achieved by promoting the widespread sharing of best practices within the healthcare industry, as well as by continuous communication between patients and caregivers; and

WHEREAS: 44 Arkansas healthcare facilities are actively working to significantly increase near miss reporting, reveal process and system vulnerabilities, and develop proactive data-driven improvement activities through participation in American Data Network Patient Safety Organization's 2017 Good Catch Campaign, which aims to foster a growing culture of safety in hospitals by encouraging the recognition and reporting of patient safety risk before harm happens; and

WHEREAS: The National Patient Safety Foundation has designated March 12 through 18, 2017, as Patient Safety Awareness Week to make the public more aware of the importance of patient safety through its campaign, United in Safety;

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 12th through March 18th, 2017 as

PATIENT SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 9th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Attest:

Mark Martin
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State

Asa Hutchinson
Asa Hutchinson, Governor