

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: In the United States, there are approximately 19,000 nurses, including many in Arkansas, working to deliver health and safety programs and services to workers, worker populations and community groups; and

WHEREAS: Through case management, health counseling, health promotion, wellness activities, legal and regulatory compliance and workplace hazard detection, occupational health nurses (OHNs) improve the health of workers in Arkansas and the U.S., while contributing to a healthy bottom line for businesses; and

WHEREAS: Annually, Occupational Health Nurses Week is selected by American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN) for dates in April, which commemorates the inception of the first and largest professional association for occupational and environmental health nurses; and

WHEREAS: Today, AAOHN consists of 119 chapters with over 4,000 members, including 60 members in Arkansas, dedicated to advancing the health, safety and productivity of our workforces by providing education, research, public policy and practice resources for OHNs; and

WHEREAS: Because OHNs are employed by manufacturing facilities, healthcare settings and in workplaces in dozens of other industries throughout the state, employers turn to OHNs to promote healthy lifestyles and keep our workers safe, healthy and performing at a high level; and

WHEREAS: These OHNs focus on promotion and restoration of health, prevention of illness and injury and protection from work-related and environmental hazards. OHNs are an important partner in supporting the economic health and competitiveness of the businesses they serve; and

WHEREAS: Occupational Health Nurse Appreciation Week affords us an opportunity to recognize occupational health nurses for the compassionate and dedicated service they provide in keeping the workers of Arkansas safe and healthy;

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 April 17th through April 23rd, 2017, as

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across the State, and I urge all workers and their families to join me in recognizing the invaluable contributions of occupational health nurses in our State and the Nation.

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.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State