

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Stroke occurs at a rate of 1 in 1,600 to 4,000 live births each year and in 12 out of 100,000 children per year, with stroke being the sixth leading cause of death in children; and

WHEREAS: Between 50 and 85 percent of infants and children who have a pediatric stroke will have serious, permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, attention, learning and behavioral difficulties, and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

WHEREAS: The life-long health concerns and treatments resulting from pediatric stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and society; and

WHEREAS: Little is known about the cause, treatment, and prevention of pediatric stroke. Pediatric stroke risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts, and treatment are often different in children than in adults; only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for pediatric stroke be identified and developed; and

WHEREAS: An early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of pediatric stroke greatly improves chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence;

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 May 2017, as

PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in supporting the efforts, programs, services, and advocacy the Children's Hemiplegia and Stroke Association provides as they strive to enhance public awareness of pediatric stroke.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 16th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State