

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arthrogyrosis Multiplex Congenita (AMC) is a condition that causes many joints to be stiff and crooked at birth. A newborn with arthrogyrosis lacks the normal range of motion in one or more joints. This condition develops prenatally and can be caused by an underlying condition or syndrome; and

WHEREAS: Arthrogyrosis Multiplex Congenita is an umbrella diagnosis, meaning that it is a part of many other conditions and syndromes. There are over 400 different types of AMC of which Amyoplasia, Distal Escobar Syndrome is the most common; and

WHEREAS: A newborn has to have three contracted joints in two different body areas to be diagnosed with arthrogyrosis. This occurs in every 1 in 3,000 births; and

WHEREAS: Joints that can be affected by AMC include the joints in the hands, feet, hips, knees, elbows, shoulders, wrists, fingers, toes, as well as the jaw and the spine. Though all joints can be affected, some may be unaffected as no two people experience the same symptoms; and

WHEREAS: Though arthrogyrosis is not curable, it is treatable. Treatment goals aim to allow those living with the condition as much independence in their daily lives as possible;

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 June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as

**ARTHROGRYPOSIS AWARENESS DAY**

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to become more aware of arthrogyrosis and the families affected by this condition.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord 2017.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

*Mark Martin*

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State