STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Gastroparesis is a chronic illness that affects more than 5 million people in the United States; yet is little known to those in our state; and

WHEREAS: Gastroparesis is paralysis of the stomach, which can cause debilitating pain, nausea, vomiting, early satiety, and can lead to serious complications such as malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight loss, and overwhelming fatigue; and

WHEREAS: There is little awareness, no known cure, and few effective treatment options or medications; and

WHEREAS: We seek more research, improved medications, additional treatment options, better support, and hope for our future; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas seeks to educate the general public regarding the devastating effects of this disorder and to promote awareness of this condition for the good of the public health;

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 August 2017, as

GASTROPARESIS/MOTILITY DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 6th day of January, in the year of our Lord 2017.

Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State