

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that effects everyone the same way but an umbrella term covering more than 52 different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity; and

WHEREAS: All muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and

WHEREAS: More than one million individuals in the United States are affected by one of the different types of muscular dystrophy; and

WHEREAS: Muscular dystrophy strikes people regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS: There are new clinical trials underway that have recently yielded 4 new drugs to treat 3 types of muscular diseases, which is more than in the previous 5 decades of fighting for a cure for neuromuscular disease; and

WHEREAS: Raising public awareness of these diseases will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as bring much needed funding for support and services for families affected by muscular dystrophy and neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS: Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month and Light it Up Green for MD Month is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and issues in the muscular dystrophy community;

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

**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH
AND
LIGHT IT UP GREEN FOR MD MONTH**

across the State, and I urge all citizens to join in the fight to raise awareness for muscular dystrophy.

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 May, in the year of our Lord 2017.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Martin".

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State