

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Each year across America, thousands of children courageously fight pediatric cancer and face life-threatening battles that would be a challenge for individuals of any age. These children are cared for by loving families, friends, and communities, banding together to support children in times of great need; and

WHEREAS: In the United States, cancer is the leading cause of death from disease among children under the age of 15, with more than 15,000 of our nation's young people diagnosed with cancer every year; and

WHEREAS: One-in-five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer and many will suffer from the long-term effects of comprehensive treatment including secondary cancer; and

WHEREAS: The American Childhood Cancer Organization seeks to raise awareness of childhood cancer by sponsoring a global campaign to ILLUMINATE GOLD-LIGHT UP THE WORLD GOLD and draw attention to the need for funding of helpful research that can brighten the future for young people with cancer; and

WHEREAS: We, as a state, recognize the bravery and determination of the children who battle against childhood cancer every day;

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 September 2017, as

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to join me in helping to promote efforts for the prevention, treatment, and eventual cure of all childhood cancers.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 24th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State