

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Mental Health and Substance Use treatment are essential parts of behavioral health and wellness for Arkansas residents; and

WHEREAS: Prevention of recurrent substance use disorders, including detoxification and treatment, does work and can be effective; an estimated 49,000 people are in recovery in Arkansas, and 23,500,000 people are in recovery across the nation; and

WHEREAS: Untreated substance use and mental health disorders negatively affect individuals, families, and communities, as well as impacting the criminal justice system, child welfare system, family and social services agencies, and community health organizations; and

WHEREAS: This year's theme "Join the Voices of Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities!" is an effort to reduce stigma and increase awareness of how Arkansas families and communities play a vital role in the recovery process;

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

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 29th day of September, in the year of our Lord 2017.





Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State