

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Ovarian cancer is the deadliest of all women's reproductive cancers and is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related death in women in the United States, occurring in 1 out of every 75 women, with the projected new diagnosis of 22,280 women and a mortality rate nationally of 14,240; and

WHEREAS: While the incidence rate for ovarian cancer is not as high as breast or lung cancer for women, the death rate is much higher due to 80% of ovarian cancers being diagnosed in advanced stages 3 and 4 where prognosis is poor; and

WHEREAS: In Arkansas, approximately 200 new ovarian cancers will be diagnosed, and there will be approximately 140 deaths due to ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS: Only a small percentage of women are familiar with the symptoms of ovarian cancer, and a large percentage of women incorrectly believe a yearly Pap smear is effective in the diagnosis of ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS: Increased awareness of symptoms and risk factors for ovarian cancer will enhance chances of early detection and survival from the disease; and

WHEREAS: Since ovarian cancer is considered the silent killer, the state of Arkansas is joining the battle to make ovarian cancer Silent No More;

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

OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 15th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2017.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Martin".

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State