

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS: Low blood supply is a public safety concern both locally and nationally, and our hospitals and medical centers need to sustain a healthy supply for our residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS: One pint of blood can save the lives of up to three patients, and although an estimated 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood at any given time, less than 10% of that eligible population actually participate in blood donation each year; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas is home to a number of committed public service and private organizations working to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation, including American Red Cross, the Dr. Daliah Show, and many others; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Blood Donation Day effectively serves to remind us that we need to replenish our blood supply through donation and community awareness;

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 8th, 2017 as

ARKANSAS BLOOD DONATION DAY

across the State, and I urge all the people of Arkansas to support our local blood drives as saving lives and protecting our citizens is our primary goal.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 23rd day of May, in the year of our Lord 2017.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson", written over a horizontal line.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Martin", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State