

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy (LGMD) is considered a rare disease that is known to cause muscle weakness and wasting; and

WHEREAS: LGMD most commonly affects muscles closest to the body (proximal muscles), specifically the muscles of the shoulders, upper arms, pelvic area, and thighs; and

WHEREAS: LGMD is not one disease but a group of hereditary, genetic, neuromuscular disorders with over 30 sub-types currently identified; and

WHEREAS: LGMD occurs among all ethnic groups affecting both males and females; and

WHEREAS: LGMD symptoms can begin in childhood, adolescence, or adulthood; and

WHEREAS: LGMD is a progressive, serious, and debilitating condition that has a significant impact on the lives of those affected; and

WHEREAS: Individuals and families affected by LGMD often experience problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatments or ancillary services; and

WHEREAS: Research is ongoing, and important advances are being made every day in understanding the genetic causes for the disease; however, there is still no known cure or treatment; and

WHEREAS: While the public is familiar with some rare diseases, many patients and families affected by LGMD bear a large share of the burden of raising public awareness to support the search for treatments; and

WHEREAS: A global collaborative of LGMD-focused foundations and individuals living with LGMD have organized a global day of awareness on September 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS: Patients, caregivers, medical professionals, researchers, and others in the state of Arkansas will participate in that observance;

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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as

**LIMB GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY**

across the State, and I encourage my fellow 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord 2017.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State