

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Pink Ribbon reminds us that breast cancer is the most common cause of cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths in the United States. However, when breast cancer is detected in its earliest stages, there can be a 99% survival rate five years after diagnosis; and

WHEREAS: According to the Arkansas Affiliate of Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, one in three counties does not have a fixed mammography facility, and this creates a barrier for many women to easily access mammography, thereby possibly increasing their mortality rate; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that in the United States 252,710 women and 2,470 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer during 2017, and approximately 40,610 women and 460 men will die from this disease. In Arkansas this year, an estimated 2,100 new female breast cases will be detected and will result in 420 deaths; and

WHEREAS: October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the State of Arkansas recognizes October 6<sup>th</sup> as Go Pink for the Cure Day to bring about awareness of the importance of mammography and to renew a commitment to removing obstacles that prevent women from seeking mammograms;

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 October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as

**GO PINK FOR THE CURE DAY**

across the State, and I urge all of my fellow citizens to join me in helping to promote efforts for the prevention and treatment of this deadly disease.

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



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State