

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Strep (PANDAS) is a disorder that typically begins to affect children between the ages of 3 and 10; and

WHEREAS: Children with PANDAS generally demonstrate symptoms that are more commonly associated with ADHD, OCD, ODD, Tourette's, depression, anxiety, or other conditions, and thus, are mistreated; and

WHEREAS: Children with PANDAS can experience changes in eating, digression in writing skills, irritability, anxiety, depression, anger outbursts, night fears, sleep disturbances, hyperactivity, bedwetting, anorexia, tics, and other symptoms; and

WHEREAS: If PANDAS is diagnosed, some treatments may improve the patient's course; and

WHEREAS: Increased awareness is essential for proper early diagnosis. October 9th is a day for raising awareness of PANDAS in Arkansas;

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 9th, 2017 as

PANDAS AWARENESS DAY IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to acknowledge this day appropriately.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 22nd day of August, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State