

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: In 2017, an estimated 480 new cases of stomach cancer will be diagnosed in Arkansas, and 210 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS: Stomach cancer is among the cancers with the lowest five-year survival rates; and

WHEREAS: Out of 28,000 new cases diagnosed a year in the United States, 11,000 will die in the first year of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS: Eighty percent of stomach cancer is diagnosed at stage IV which only has a four percent five-year survival rate; and

WHEREAS: In the United States it is estimated that more than 95,000 people are currently living with stomach cancer; and

WHEREAS: Stomach cancer has increased in young adults ages 25 to 39 by 70 percent since 1977; and

WHEREAS: Overall survival rate for stomach cancer is 30 percent; stomach cancer mortality rates have remained relatively unchanged over the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS: Stomach cancer continues to be one of the leading causes of cancer related deaths; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas is dedicated to raising awareness about stomach cancer, advancing funding for research, and providing education and support to patients, families, and caregivers, while pursuing the ultimate goal of making the cure for stomach cancer a reality;

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 November 2017 as

CURING STOMACH CANCER MONTH IN ARKANSAS

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 8th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest

Mark Martin
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State