

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: In 2017, an estimated 53,670 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States, and 43,090 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS: Pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States and Arkansas, and it is projected to become the second leading cause around 2020; and

WHEREAS: Pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits, at just 5 percent in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: When symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally in later stages, and 78 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis, while 95 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

WHEREAS: In 2017, an estimated 490 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in Arkansas, and 430 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS: Pancreatic cancer is the seventh most common cause of cancer-related deaths across the world; and

WHEREAS: There were an estimated 367,000 new pancreatic cancer cases diagnosed in 2015; and

WHEREAS: The good health and well-being of the residents of Arkansas are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about the symptoms and risk factors of pancreatic cancer, and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments;

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 16th, 2017, as

WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY 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



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State