

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The health and safety of all Arkansans is important to the happiness, prosperity, and well-being of our state's families and communities; and

WHEREAS: In 2017, almost 12,820 people are estimated to be diagnosed with cervical cancer nation-wide, and 4,210 are estimated to die due to cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS: In Arkansas, almost 150 people are estimated to be diagnosed with cervical cancer this year; and

WHEREAS: Regular cervical cancer screening tests are an effective way to detect the disease early, when it can still be successfully treated; and

WHEREAS: Cervical cancer vaccines are now widely available, and combined with regular screenings, they provide an effective means of preventing the disease; and

WHEREAS: In the past 40 years, the number of cases and deaths from cervical cancer decreased significantly, and each case of cervical cancer is a tragedy that devastates patients and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS: Increasing awareness of prevention and detection techniques among patients and health care providers is a key component in safe-guarding cervical health; and

WHEREAS: Throughout the month of January, organizations and healthcare practitioners are encouraged to promote awareness about cervical cancer and to supports patients currently battling cervical cancer and those who have lost loved ones to this disease;

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 January 2018 as

CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 27th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State