STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined; and

WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer affects men and women equally. In 2018, it is estimated that 140,250 people in the United States will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer, with 1, 370 of those residing in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Every 3 minutes, someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and every 10 minutes someone dies from colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS: The national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is 80 percent of Americans ages 50 and older be screened by the year 2018; and

WHEREAS: If 80 percent of people in the United States ages 50 and older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, it is predicted that the death rate from this disease could plummet by 33 percent by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS: It is critical that all people, of all ages, know the signs and symptoms of the disease; and

WHEREAS: Observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March will provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening;

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 March 2018 as

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS 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 1st day of February, in the year of our Lord 2018.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State