STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Thousands of Arkansans are among those affected by rare diseases; and

WHEREAS: Approximately seven thousand diseases and conditions are considered rare, each affecting fewer than two-hundred thousand Americans, in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Many rare diseases are both serious and debilitating with conditions that may have a significant effect on the lives of those involved; and

WHEREAS: Individuals and families impacted by rare diseases often experience problems such as isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, few treatment options, and difficulties related to accessing or being reimbursed for treatment; and

WHEREAS: The observance of Rare Disease Day will allow patients, medical professionals, researchers, government officials, and companies developing treatments to join together to focus attention on rare diseases as a public health issue;

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 7th, 2018, as

RARE DISEASE 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 12th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2018.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State