

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Tarlov (perineural) Cyst Disease is a rare condition that involves cerebrospinal fluid-filled sacs forming inside spinal cord nerves throughout the spine, but most often in the sacrum. When symptomatic, Tarlov Cysts can be progressive, extremely painful, and debilitating; and

WHEREAS: Tarlov Cysts compress the spinal cord nerves and can erode the surrounding bones, which can limit the patient's ability to walk. If the nerve damage is progressive, it can cause urinary and bowel complications, and prolonged symptoms run a risk of neurological damage; and

WHEREAS: There are procedures for temporary pain relief that have been reported to have lasting effects, but the chronic pain that often results from this condition is not easily treated; and

WHEREAS: The cause of Tarlov Cysts is undetermined, and the treatments of this disease vary widely depending upon the severity of each case; and

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 15th, 2018 as

TARLOV CYST DISEASE AWARENESS 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 January, in the year of our Lord 2018.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State