STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas is committed to promoting the health and well-being of all of its citizens; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Minority Health Commission was created to assure all minority Arkansans equitable access to preventive health care and to seek ways to promote health and prevent diseases and conditions that are prevalent among minority populations; and

WHEREAS: Differences in incidence, prevalence, and mortality of diseases, and other adverse health conditions or outcomes that exist among specific population groups are well documented in minority populations, including African Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Marshallese; and

WHEREAS: Many of the diseases and conditions that disproportionately impact minority populations are preventable, such as a heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS: It is important to create partnerships among community members, human service agencies, and universities to promote better health for minority communities and for all Arkansans;

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 April 2018 as

ARKANSAS MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 22nd day of December, in the year of our Lord 2017.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State