

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The health of all Americans depends greatly upon educated minds and trained hands; and

WHEREAS: The practice of modern medicine, at the exacting standards we now enjoy, would be impossible without the scientific tests performed daily in medical laboratories; and

WHEREAS: These highly trained and dedicated health professionals make an invaluable contribution to quality health care and save countless lives each day by providing reliable laboratory test results required for prevention, detection, diagnosis, and treatment of disease; and

WHEREAS: The diversified employees of the laboratory include pathologists, medical technologists, histologists, cytotechnologists, microbiologists, medical technicians, laboratory assistants, phlebotomists, medical secretaries, transcriptionists, and laboratory clerical staff who perform their related duties 24 hours per day every day of the year; and

WHEREAS: Laboratory medicine is an honorable profession which should be recognized by all individuals as vital to the high standards of healthcare enjoyed in Arkansas;

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 22<sup>nd</sup> through April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as

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across the State, and I urge all citizens to recognize and support the vital service provided by laboratory practitioners.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord 2018.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State