STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Hemophilia is a genetic bleeding disorder that prevents the blood from clotting normally and causes excessive, uncontrolled bleeding due to a missing or defective protein called the clotting factor; and

WHEREAS: Internal bleeding most often occurs in the joints and head and may occur even without injury, resulting in pain, swelling, and, if left untreated, causing permanent damage or even death; and

WHEREAS: Although hemophilia is present in all demographic groups, it is almost exclusively a male disease, affecting one in every five-thousand males; and

WHEREAS: Hemophiliacs face a lifelong condition that requires treatment through intravenous administration of the clotting factor derived from human blood and produced through pharmaceutical processes; and

WHEREAS: Although there is no cure, and treatment can be extremely costly and beyond the means of many individuals, significant advances have been made in the diagnosis and treatment of hemophilia;

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 May 7th, 2018, as

HEMOPHILIA AWARENESS DAY

across the State of Arkansas, and I urge my fellow citizens to join together to raise awareness of hemophilia, the need for improved access to high-quality medical care, a safe blood supply, access to the full range of safe and effective treatments, and to support research that seeks a cure.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 2nd day of March, in the year of our Lord 2018.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State