

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: There are more than 100 different headache disorders that occur on a spectrum of severity; and

WHEREAS: More than 70% of Americans experience headaches every year; and

WHEREAS: The World Health Organization states that headache disorders are the third highest cause of global disability; and

WHEREAS: Migraine is a neurological, often familial disease characterized by episodes called attacks; and

WHEREAS: Migraine disease impacts all systems of the body and symptoms include pain, nausea, sensitivity to light and sound, visual disturbances, tinnitus, chills, fatigue, impaired cognitive function, numbness and weakness, lasting for 4 to 72 hours on average; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 36 to 40 million Americans have migraine disease, of which 4 million have chronic migraine, experiencing 15 or more migraine days each month; and

WHEREAS: Cluster headache, considered the most painful of all the headache disorders, affects over 500,000 Americans. It is frequently misdiagnosed, under-treated, and highly stigmatized; and

WHEREAS: Cluster headache, while rarer than migraine disease, involves attacks that are so excruciatingly painful, disabling, and distressing that they sometimes lead to suicide; and

WHEREAS: Although there are various treatment options for those with headache disorders, there is currently no cure. People with severe headache disorders have no visible signs, yet suffer greatly and are often stigmatized and isolated; and

WHEREAS: Public education leads to increased understanding, more research, and improved treatment for those with headache disorders; and

WHEREAS: The United States Department of Health and Human Services officially recognizes June as National Migraine and Headache Awareness Month;

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 June 2018, as

NATIONAL MIGRAINE AND HEADACHE AWARENESS MONTH 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 24th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2018.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State