

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) is a chronic, non-contagious condition that can be debilitating and potentially life-altering and for which there is no known cure; and

WHEREAS: HS is characterized by clusters of abscesses and painful lesions that most commonly affect the underarms, under the breasts, inner thighs, groin, and buttocks; and

WHEREAS: As many as 1-4 percent of the world's population is affected by HS, and according to recent research, those affected by HS experience an average delay of seven years for a proper diagnosis; and

WHEREAS: Patients with HS may endure a severely diminished life and can benefit from a compassionate group of family, friends, medical providers, and the public at large; and

WHEREAS: Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week provides an opportunity to increase awareness, correct misconceptions, recognize the struggle of those affected, and shorten the delay of diagnosis;

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 4th through June 10th, 2018, as

HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA (HS) AWARENESS WEEK 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 27th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2018.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State