

# STATE OF ARKANSAS

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Ovarian cancer is the deadliest of all women's reproductive cancers and is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related death in women in the United States, occurring in 1-out-of-every-78 women, with the projected new diagnosis of 22,240 women nationally and 14,070 deaths; and

WHEREAS: While the incidence for ovarian cancer is not as high as for breast or lung cancer, the death rate is much higher due to nearly 80% of ovarian cancers being diagnosed in advanced stages 3 and 4, when prognosis is poor; and

WHEREAS: In 2018, approximately 190 new ovarian cancers will be diagnosed, and approximately 150 deaths will occur due to ovarian cancer in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Only a small percentage of women are familiar with the symptoms of ovarian cancer, and a large percentage of women incorrectly believe a yearly Pap smear is effective in the diagnosis of ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS: Increased awareness of symptoms and risk factors of ovarian cancer may increase chances of early detection and survival from the disease; and

WHEREAS: Since ovarian cancer is considered "the silent killer," the people of Arkansas are invited to join in the battle to make ovarian cancer Silent No More;

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 September 2018, as

#### OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2018.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State