STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy (LGMD) is considered a rare disease that is known to cause muscle weakness and wasting; and

WHEREAS: LGMD most commonly affects muscles closest to the body (proximal muscles), specifically the muscles of the shoulders, upper arms, pelvic area, and thighs; and

WHEREAS: LGMD is not one disease but a group of hereditary, genetic, neuromuscular disorders with over 30 sub-types currently identified; and

WHEREAS: LGMD occurs among all ethnic groups affecting both males and females; and

WHEREAS: LGMD symptoms can begin in childhood, adolescence, or adulthood; and

WHEREAS: LGMD is a progressive, serious, and debilitating condition that has a significant impact on the lives of those affected; and

WHEREAS: Individuals and families affected by LGMD often experience problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatments or ancillary services; and

WHEREAS: Research is ongoing, and important advances are being made every day in understanding the genetic causes for the disease; however, there is still no known cure or treatment; and

WHEREAS: While the public is familiar with some rare diseases, many patients and families affected by LGMD bear a large share of the burden of raising public awareness to support the search for treatments; and

WHEREAS: A global collaborative of LGMD-focused foundations and individuals living with LGMD have organized a global day of awareness on September 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS: Patients, caregivers, medical professionals, researchers, and others in the State of Arkansas will participate in that observance;

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 30th, 2018 as

LIMB GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to join me in this observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 6th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2018.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State