

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that result in a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system, which is responsible for automatic bodily functions such as respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, temperature control, and more; and

WHEREAS: Some forms of dysautonomia are considered rare diseases, such as Multiple System Atrophy and Pure Autonomic Failure, while other forms of dysautonomia are common, impacting millions of people in the U.S. and around the world, such as Diabetic Autonomic Neuropathy, Neurocardiogenic Syncope and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome; and

WHEREAS: Dysautonomia impacts people of any age, gender, race, or background, including many individuals living in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Some forms of dysautonomia can be very disabling and this disability can result in social isolation, stress on the families of those impacted, and financial hardship; and

WHEREAS: Some forms of dysautonomia can result in death, causing tremendous pain and suffering for those impacted and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS: Increased awareness about dysautonomia will help patients get diagnosed and treated earlier and foster support for individuals and families coping with dysautonomia in our community; and

WHEREAS: The citizens of Arkansas seek to recognize the contributions of the professional medical community, patients, and family members who are working to educate our citizenry about dysautonomia;

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 October 2018, as

DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 8th day of October, in the year of our Lord 2018.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State