

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Pink Ribbon reminds us that breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women and the second most common cause of cancer deaths in women in the United States. However, when breast cancer is detected in its earliest stages, there can be a 95% 5-year survival rate; and

WHEREAS: Thirty counties in Arkansas do not have a fixed mammography facility, and this creates a barrier for many women to easily access mammography, thereby possibly increasing their mortality rate; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that in the United States, 266,120 women and 2,550 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer during 2018, and approximately 40,920 women and 480 men will die of the disease. In Arkansas this year, an estimated 2,160 new cases in females will be detected and 410 deaths breast cancer deaths will occur; and

WHEREAS: October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and October 5 is designated as Go Pink for the Cure Day to bring awareness of the importance of mammography and to renew its commitment to removing obstacles that prevent women from seeking mammograms;

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 5, 2018, as

GO PINK FOR THE CURE DAY

across the State, and I urge all of my fellow citizens to join me in helping to promote efforts for the prevention and treatment of this deadly disease.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 25th day of July, in the year of our Lord 2018.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State