

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: According to the National Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), over 1.7 million Americans sustain a traumatic brain injury each year, and over 52,000 of those individuals die as a result of their injuries; and

WHEREAS: The CDC also reports that more than 5.3 million Americans live with disabilities resulting from brain injury, including over 50,000 Arkansans; and

WHEREAS: The leading causes of traumatic brain injury are falls, motor vehicle and traffic accidents, sports related injuries, being struck by or against objects, and assaults; and

WHEREAS: Today's service members are sustaining traumatic brain injuries in larger numbers than those serving in past conflicts; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Department of Health, as the lead state agency serving people with brain injury, works collaboratively with a broad coalition of organizations assisting individuals with traumatic brain injury to build a system of coordinated services for individuals with brain injury and their families; and

WHEREAS: Public awareness is important for the prevention of traumatic brain injuries and for enhancing the recovery process for all individuals affected by brain injuries;

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 March 2019, as

**BRAIN INJURY 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

  
John Thurston, Secretary Of State