

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined; and

WHEREAS: One in twenty-two men and one in twenty-four women will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS: There are now more than one million survivors of colorectal cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS: The national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is 80 percent of Americans ages 50 and older be screened in every community; and

WHEREAS: If the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, one-third of all colorectal cancer deaths could be prevented by 2030; and

WHEREAS: It is critical that all people, of all ages, know the signs and symptoms of the disease; and

WHEREAS: Observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March would provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening;

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

**COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN ARKANSAS**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year of our Lord 2018.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State