

# STATE OF ARKANSAS

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Brain tumors (malignant or benign), both primary (originating in brain tissue) and secondary (originating in other parts of the body that metastasize to the brain), were diagnosed in more than 392,000 Americans of all ages, races, socio-economic status, and gender between 2011 and 2015; and

WHEREAS: Malignant brain tumors are among the deadliest forms of cancer with just a 35% five-year relative survival rate and are the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in children and adolescents ages 0-19; and

WHEREAS: An estimated 240 people in Arkansas will be diagnosed with a brain tumor and about 190 will die from a malignant brain tumor in 2019; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas is home to major hospitals and facilities that focus on research to find better treatments, a cure for brain tumors, and a higher quality of life for brain tumor patients; and

WHEREAS: Increased public awareness of brain tumors through advocacy and support for targeted research, as well as education about the impact brain tumors have on patients and their families lives, are critical to support and action for a cure;

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 May 2019, as

#### BRAIN TUMOR 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary Of State