

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Stroke occurs in about one of every 4,000 live births each year and in 11 out of 100,000 children per year, with stroke being the sixth leading cause of death in children; and

WHEREAS: Between 50 and 85 percent of infants and children who have a pediatric stroke will have serious, permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, attention, learning, and behavioral difficulties, and may require multidisciplinary pediatric rehabilitation services; and

WHEREAS: The life-long health concerns and treatments resulting from pediatric stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and society; and

WHEREAS: Pediatric stroke risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts, and treatments are often different in children than in adults. Only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for pediatric stroke be identified and developed; and

WHEREAS: An early recognition, diagnosis, treatment, and commencement of rehabilitation in children with pediatric stroke greatly improves chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence;

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

**PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH**

across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in supporting the efforts, programs, services, and advocacy organizations provide as they strive to enhance public awareness of pediatric stroke.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord 2019.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson", written over a horizontal line.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Thurston", written over a horizontal line.

John Thurston, Secretary Of State