

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Orofacial clefts are the most frequently occurring birth defects in the United States, affecting about one in 600 infants per year; and

WHEREAS: Infants born with clefts and other craniofacial conditions usually require surgery as well as special feeding support, dental and orthodontic care, and speech therapy as they grow; and

WHEREAS: These complex services need to be provided in a synchronized manner over a period of years and are best provided by interdisciplinary cleft and craniofacial teams; and

WHEREAS: Cleft and craniofacial organizations across Arkansas and the nation serve individuals affected by these conditions by providing their families with comprehensive information, support, and connections to these interdisciplinary teams; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas recognizes the efforts of organizations and families working to ensure a better life for those affected by cleft lip and palate or other craniofacial conditions;

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 July 2019, as

CLEFT AND CRANIOFACIAL AWARENESS MONTH IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I urge all citizens to recognize the families and organizations working to aid those affected by cleft and craniofacial conditions.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 8th day of May, 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