

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Chronic disease affects thousands of individuals throughout Arkansas and causes premature death in seven out of ten Americans throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS: Hundreds of thousands of Americans suffer from unpreventable and costly chronic and rare conditions, while the deadliest and costliest chronic diseases, including cardiovascular, stroke, diabetes, cancer, and obesity, are also the most preventable; and

WHEREAS: Chronic Disease Day promotes self-care best practices to reduce individual risk and lower national health care costs for everyone; and

WHEREAS: Chronic Disease Day is supported by nonprofit and disease support groups and organizations dedicated to assisting patients overcome challenges with access to care throughout Arkansas and across the United States;

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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, as

**CHRONIC DISEASE DAY**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



John Thurston, Secretary Of State