

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: There are 1 in 2,229 individuals born with gastroschisis in the United States, and 1 in 1,333 individuals born in Arkansas with gastroschisis, which is double the national rate;

WHEREAS: Though this disease may affect small numbers of people, gastroschisis affects many Americans;

WHEREAS: Many Americans living with gastroschisis have serious and debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on the lives of those affected including but not limited to failure to thrive/slow growth, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants, and long term feeding issues;

WHEREAS: Individuals and families affected by gastroschisis often experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, few treatment options, and problems related to accessing or being reimbursed for treatment;

WHEREAS: The cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown, and patients and their families must bear a large share of the burden for things such as raising funds for research;

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 30th, 2019, as

GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to become more aware of gastroschisis and the families affected by this condition.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 3rd day of June, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:


John Thurston, Secretary Of State