

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Hydrocephalus is a condition that has no cure and in which the primary characteristic is excessive accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid in the brain resulting in abnormal widening of ventricles in the brain, which creates harmful pressure on brain tissues and can be fatal if untreated; and

WHEREAS: Hydrocephalus can occur during fetal development, known as congenital hydrocephalus, or it may be acquired later in life; and

WHEREAS: Experts estimate that over 1 million Americans have developed or are currently living with hydrocephalus, which occurs in one to two in every 1,000 live births; and

WHEREAS: The only treatment for hydrocephalus requires brain surgery. Most often it requires surgically inserting a shunt system which diverts the flow of cerebrospinal fluid to an area of the body where it can be absorbed; and

WHEREAS: In 2009, the United States Congress passed a Resolution designating September as National Hydrocephalus Awareness Month;

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 September 2019, as

NATIONAL HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH IN ARKANSAS

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 13th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



John Thurston, Secretary Of State