

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Allergy to Penicillin and related antibiotics is the most commonly reported drug allergy in the United States; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that 10 percent of patients, or 30 million people, self-report as being Penicillin allergic. However, nine out of 10 people reporting a Penicillin allergy are not truly allergic when tested; and

WHEREAS: Eighty percent of patients with an IgE-mediated Penicillin allergy lose their sensitivity after 10 years; and

WHEREAS: Patients labeled Penicillin allergic have an increased risk of adverse events. Carrying an inaccurate diagnosis of Penicillin allergy could adversely affect the quantity and quality of healthcare used;

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 28th, 2019, as

NATIONAL PENICILLIN ALLERGY DAY 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 29th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



John Thurston, Secretary Of State