

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Intestinal malrotation is a congenital birth defect occurring when the intestine fails to rotate correctly during embryonic development. This can lead to volvulus, a life threatening surgical emergency where the intestine twists, restricting blood flow to vital organs; and

WHEREAS: Malrotation may affect 1 in 500 births, with 1 in 3,500 becoming symptomatic; and

WHEREAS: To decrease the mortality and morbidity associated with malrotation, it is vital for healthcare providers and the community to be aware of signs and symptoms; and

WHEREAS: The cardinal symptom of volvulus is vomiting bile, a green fluid, reported in 80 percent of pediatric cases. Other symptoms include abdominal pain, dehydration, and lethargy. Symptoms may be missed by healthcare providers, leading to misdiagnosis such as reflux or stomach flu; and

WHEREAS: Intestinal Malrotation and Volvulus Awareness Day serves to highlight the urgency of this condition. It honors the memory of children like Mya Brown, whose life was cut short when her symptoms were missed by 23 medical professionals. It serves to fulfil the Intestinal Malrotation Foundation's mission to raise awareness, increase research, educate healthcare professionals, and provide support to those affected by intestinal malrotation;

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 January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as

**INTESTINAL MALROTATION AND VOLVULUS AWARENESS DAY**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, in the year of our Lord 2020.

  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:

  
John Thurston, Secretary Of State