

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: More than 100 million operations and procedures are performed every year with anesthesia and physician anesthesiologists play a critical role before, during, and after procedures, making patient safety their top priority; and

WHEREAS: Anesthesia is safer than ever before, but there always is a potential for complications and side effects and physician anesthesiologists have the training and expertise to help minimize risks, monitor for any problems, and take quick action; and

WHEREAS: When seconds count, when emergencies or complications occur unexpectedly, physician anesthesiologists draw on their extensive medical education and years of clinical training and experience to make critical decisions that save lives; and

WHEREAS: Physician anesthesiologists are committed to high quality and safe patient care and educating patients to make their anesthesia even safer, reduce risk of complication, and recover from surgery; and

WHEREAS: Physician anesthesiologists are recognized leaders uniquely suited to preventing opioid abuse and misuse by employing opioid-minimizing techniques while ensuring patients have access to appropriate pain treatments;

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 26<sup>th</sup> through February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, as

**PHYSICIAN ANESTHESIOLOGIST WEEK**

across the State, and I urge all citizens to join us in recognizing physician anesthesiologists, who have developed the techniques and protocols that have greatly improved the safety of anesthesiology and the well-being of surgical patients each 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