

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

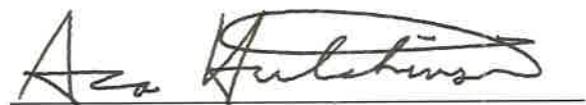
- WHEREAS: Lymphedema (LE) is a lifelong, chronic, progressive, and incurable disease. Lymphedema most commonly involves swelling in arms or legs and can affect the head, neck, and trunk; and
- WHEREAS: Lymphedema affects up to 10 million Americans, and hundreds of millions worldwide, suffer from lymphedema and lymphatic diseases and
- WHEREAS: Most lymphedema occurs after cancer treatment or non-cancer related surgeries (secondary lymphedema), but some people are born with it or develop it later in life (primary lymphedema). Lymphedema can happen to anyone at any age; and
- WHEREAS: Lymphedema is a disruption to the lymphatic system, a major body system that is part of the circulatory and immune systems. If the lymphatic system is not working, then simple cuts, scrapes, and insect bites can easily develop into serious infections or cellulitis resulting in long and costly medical stays; and
- WHEREAS: Lymphedema can be extremely painful with chronic pain in the affected area and can be debilitating resulting in individuals not being able to work, drive a vehicle, or participate in the everyday enjoyments of life; and
- WHEREAS: Prevention and early diagnosis of Lymphedema either hereditary or from damage to the lymphatic system from surgical procedures, infections, radiation, or other physical trauma is important to manage the disease before serious, lifelong, expensive complications develop;

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 March 3rd, 2020, as

WORLD LYMPHEDEMA DAY

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 10th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2020.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


John Thurston, Secretary Of State