

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is the third-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined, but there is currently no cure; and

WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening; and

WHEREAS: Incidence rates of colorectal cancer among young and middle-aged adults are continuing to rise, including people under the age of 50; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that over 140,000 people were diagnosed with colorectal cancer and over 50,000 people died of colorectal cancer in 2019; and

WHEREAS: The national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is to strive to increase timely colorectal cancer screening rates to 80 percent in every community for all Americans eligible for screening; and

WHEREAS: It is critical that all people, of all ages, know the signs and symptoms of the disease; and

WHEREAS: Observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March would provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening;

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 2020, as

**COLORECTAL CANCER 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of our Lord 2020.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

*John Thurston*  
John Thurston, Secretary Of State