STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The good health and general well-being of the people of Arkansas is strengthened by our awareness and understanding of a genetic disorder known as 4p- syndrome, with Wolf-Hirschhorn as the main syndrome; and

WHEREAS: Children with 4p- syndrome are usually born with low birth weight and develop slowly, both cognitively and physically, compared to their same-age peers, and can also experience medical complications while still maintaining pleasant and lovable personalities; and

WHEREAS: Dedicated professionals are presently involved in valuable research to explore new therapies and diagnostic tools and to offer hope to persons with 4p- syndrome; and

WHEREAS: The 4p- Support Group estimates that approximately 1,000 individuals in the United States have 4p- syndrome, though it is thought many remain undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS: It is incumbent upon the citizens of Arkansas to work together as a people and as a state to increase research into understanding the syndrome, to advocate for effective diagnostic screenings, to support the development of improved therapies for early intervention and other necessary and critical treatments, as well as join in recognizing and applauding the valuable role which families and advocates of those who have 4p- syndrome play in helping our medical community to advance the knowledge and awareness of this syndrome; and

WHEREAS: The state of Arkansas is pleased to join people throughout our nation in promoting a special celebration which seeks to raise awareness of 4p- syndrome, designed to have a positive and productive impact on the lives of all people with 4p- syndrome and their caregivers.

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 April 16th, 2020, as

4P/WOLF-HIRSCHHORN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

across the State, and I invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 16th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2020.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

John Thurston, Secretary Of State