

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Public health is critical to sustaining and improving the State; and

WHEREAS: A hallmark of Arkansas's public health network is the extensive collaboration among its hospitals which are the backbone of the healthcare system; and

WHEREAS: Frontline caregivers in hospitals throughout the State rapidly responded to the COVID-19 global pandemic and have shown great resilience in the face of an emerging public health threat while working tirelessly and selflessly to keep Arkansans safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas Hospital Week celebrates men and women who improve the health of their communities through compassionate patient care; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas hospitals care for more than 350,000 inpatients per year; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas's hospitals generate approximately \$11.5 billion each year in economic impact in the State; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas's 101 hospitals employ approximately 45,800 individuals; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas's hospitals are a top employer in many Arkansas communities; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas Hospital Week is an opportunity to thank all the dedicated employees of our hospitals for their outstanding contributions;

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 May 10th, through May 16th, 2020, as

ARKANSAS HOSPITAL WEEK

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2020.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor