

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: An estimated 2,620 men in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and an estimated 520 men each year will die from the disease. The lifetime risk of getting breast cancer for men is about 1 in 833; and

WHEREAS: The public commonly thinks of breast cancer as a disease affecting only women, a misconception that can delay diagnosis and treatment in men, often leading to death; and

WHEREAS: Early detection of male breast cancer is critical, as men who are diagnosed when breast cancer is in its earliest stages have an increased chance of successful treatment and, ultimately, survival; and

WHEREAS: Due, in part, to a lack of awareness that men can develop the disease, men are generally diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than women are, which affects prognosis and treatment. Black males tend to have worse prognosis than white males; and

WHEREAS: In order to facilitate early diagnosis and prompt treatment of male breast cancer, public education, awareness, and understanding of the disease is necessary; and

WHEREAS: In remembrance of the men who have lost their lives to breast cancer, and in support of those who are currently fighting this often overlooked disease, it is appropriate to designate October 18th through October 24th, 2020, as Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week;

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 October 18th through October 24th, 2020, as

MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

across the State, and I encourage all citizens to foster public awareness and understanding of male breast cancer and encourage early detection and prompt treatment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 27th day of July, in the year of our Lord 2020.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor