

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that affects everyone the same way, but an umbrella term covering more than 52 different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity; and

WHEREAS: All muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 250,000 individuals in the United States are affected by one of the different types of muscular disorders; and

WHEREAS: Muscular dystrophy strikes people regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS: Research has yielded more new drugs to treat 4 types of Muscular Diseases: Duchenne, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Myasthenia Gravis and Lou Gehrig's - ALS; and

WHEREAS: Raising public awareness of these diseases will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as bring much needed funding for support and services for those affected by muscular and neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS: Muscular Dystrophy Awareness/Light it Up Green for MD month is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and issues in the muscular dystrophy community;

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 August 2021, as

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS/LIGHT IT UP GREEN FOR MD MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 20th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2021.



Asa Hutchinson
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:
John Thurston
John Thurston, Secretary Of State