

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Chronic pain is a public health crisis affecting 50 million Americans; and

WHEREAS: 19.6 million individuals live with high-impact pain, or pain that significantly interferes with work, social, and self-care activities; and

WHEREAS: Pain is the number one reason Americans seek out medical care and is the leading cause of long-term disability; and

WHEREAS: Chronic pain costs the nation an estimated \$635 billion annually in medical expenses, lost wages, and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS: Chronic pain impacts almost every aspect of a person's life, and impacts the individual's family members, caregivers, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS: Increased awareness about the effects of chronic pain result in better outcomes, improved access to pain care, and empowerment and validation for those living with pain; and

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 September 2021, as

PAIN AWARENESS MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 25th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2021.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:


John Thurston, Secretary Of State