

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Pitt Hopkins Syndrome is a rare and severe neurological disorder caused by a spontaneous mutation or deletion on the 18th chromosome; and

WHEREAS: Pitt Hopkins Syndrome is characterized by developmental delays, moderate to severe intellectual disability, breathing problems, epilepsy or recurrent seizures, gastrointestinal issues, and distinctive facial features; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 1000 people worldwide have been diagnosed with Pitt Hopkins Syndrome; however, given the fact that the discovery of the gene occurred in 2007, there are likely many other cases that remain undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS: Given its rarity, online support groups play a pivotal role for individuals, families and their loved ones in order to connect and increase awareness; and

WHEREAS: September 18<sup>th</sup> is International Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day to raise awareness and funding for Pitt Hopkins research and this date was chosen to bring attention to the fact that it is a disorder caused by a spontaneous mutation or deletion on the 18<sup>th</sup> chromosome; 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as

**PITT HOPKINS AWARENESS DAY**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord 2021.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

  
John Thurston, Secretary Of State