

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: In 2021, an estimated 60,430 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States, and 48,220 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS: Pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers. It is currently the third leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and is projected to become the second leading cause around 2030; and

WHEREAS: Pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits, at just nine percent; and

WHEREAS: When symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally in later stages. Only 11.3 percent of pancreatic cancer patients are diagnosed when the disease is confined to their pancreas, and 91 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 450 deaths will occur in Arkansas in 2021; and

WHEREAS: Pancreatic cancer is the seventh most common cause of cancer-related death across the world; and

WHEREAS: There were an estimated 418,000 new pancreatic cancer cases diagnosed worldwide in 2020; and

WHEREAS: The good health and well-being of the residents of Arkansas are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about the symptoms and risks of pancreatic cancer, and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments;

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 November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as

**WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY IN ARKANSAS**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord 2021.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

*John Thurston*  
John Thurston, Secretary of State