

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Lissencephaly is a rare gene-linked brain malformation, causing the brain to have less or no ridges & folds; making it appear smooth. It is estimated about 1 in 100,000 individuals are born with this condition; and

WHEREAS: People living with this condition may also suffer from hypertonia, epilepsy, swallowing disorders, developmental delays, and more; and

WHEREAS: Addressing the complex medical needs early in life is imperative to helping families successfully care for their children at home. The need for more education, awareness, and support for families is desperately needed; and

WHEREAS: It is appropriate that one day each year should be set apart from the rest and be known as Lissencephaly Awareness Day. This day shall be on September 8th; 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 8th, 2022, as

LISSENCEPHALY AWARENESS DAY

across the State, and I urge our citizens, patients, caregivers, medical professionals and all agencies and organizations interested in supporting these families to unite on that day in observance of such exercises.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 24th day of June, in the year of our Lord 2022.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary of State