

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Pharmacies have a long history of being an integral component of every community; and

WHEREAS: Often the first stop and last mile in healthcare delivery, pharmacies are instrumental in helping solve many of the challenges facing our healthcare systems, partners, customers, and patients today; and

WHEREAS: Pharmacies work closely with payors, providers, and other partners to improve patient care and access while also lowering overall costs; and

WHEREAS: They are a critical part of patients' care teams and are the most accessible providers in healthcare today because of their unique position in the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS: Pharmacists and their teams have played a critical role in providing access to vaccinations in underserved areas, given the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 and other diseases on these communities. They have provided different models of care to vaccinate communities, such as mobile and off-site clinics in community centers or churches to ensure delivery of vaccines, along with a traveling mobile clinic to reach people in rural and underserved areas; and

WHEREAS: It is important to also recognize the role of pharmacy technicians in the overall success of healthcare. Depending on their education and training, technicians manage dispensary supplies at hospitals and clinics, retail pharmacies, prisons, and veterinary clinics. They also supervise other staff and may supply medications to patients and prepare prescriptions under the guidance of a pharmacist;

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 October 16th to October 22nd, 2022, as

PHARMACY WEEK IN ARKANSAS

and October 18th, 2022, as

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN DAY

and I encourage all Arkansans to recognize the impact these individuals have on the health of communities everywhere.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 12th day of October, in the year of our Lord 2022.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary of State