

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Quality, affordable, and accessible patient-centered healthcare, provided by physician assistants (PAs), contributes to the well-being and quality of life for all patients of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: PAs are often the first point of contact for many patients and play a vital role in helping them understand their medical needs and empowering them to become effective advocates for their own health; and

WHEREAS: PAs are academically and clinically prepared medical professionals who diagnose illness, develop and manage treatment plans, and often serve as a patient's principal healthcare provider; and

WHEREAS: A valuable asset to the medical team, PAs practice medicine to enhance the delivery of high-quality healthcare for patients, often in medically underserved and rural areas; and

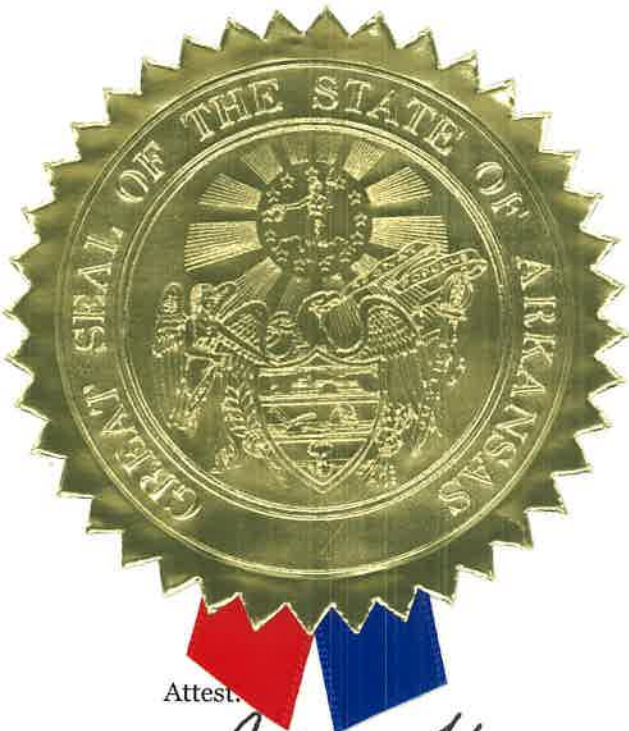
WHEREAS: PAs have earned the respect of the general public for their dedication and contributions to people's lives and for working together with the healthcare team to ensure delivery of more effective and efficient healthcare services;

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 6<sup>th</sup> through October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as

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across the State and encourage all citizens to recognize PAs for the significant impact they have made and continue to make in healthcare as a critical part of the healthcare team.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2022.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest.

  
John Thurston, Secretary of State