

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Respiratory care practitioners are a critical part of the team of medical personnel committed to providing high-quality patient care across Arkansas, and are vital to sustaining high standards of health care; and

WHEREAS: These respiratory professionals work in all areas of health care, from the emergency room to critical-care units to medical and surgical units to diagnostics, in skilled-nursing facilities and home-health care; and

WHEREAS: The number of people affected by chronic lung disorders is staggering and these diseases cost Arkansans millions of dollars annually in medical expenses, hospitalization, and physicians visits; and

WHEREAS: Respiratory care practitioners endeavor to educate the public about the prevention and early detection of lung diseases and encourage family physicians to utilize early screening for their patients; and

WHEREAS: Both State and National observances of this week will focus on increasing public awareness of the importance of the early detection of a wide variety of persistent lung disorders;

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 23<sup>rd</sup> through October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as

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across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to work together to help raise awareness of the prevalence and serious effects associated with respiratory diseases.

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 August, in the year of our Lord 2022.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Att

*John Thurston*  
John Thurston, Secretary Of State