

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Sepsis is a person's excessive or impaired whole-body immune response to an injury or infection. A serious, life-threatening condition, sepsis is a leading cause of death and re-admittance into hospitals; and

WHEREAS: Anyone can develop sepsis, but it is more common among infants, children, older adults, and individuals with underlying conditions such as diabetes or cancer; and

WHEREAS: Common symptoms of sepsis include fever, chills, rapid breathing and heart rate, rash, confusion, and disorientation. Many of these symptoms also occur in other conditions, making sepsis challenging to recognize, especially in its early stages; and

WHEREAS: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), at least 1.7 million adults in the U.S. develop sepsis, and 270,000 die as a result. The number of annual sepsis cases has been on the rise; and

WHEREAS: In the U.S., more than 75,000 children develop severe sepsis each year, of which, almost 7,000 die as a result. Many more are left with long-term medical issues;

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 2022, as

**SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH**

across the State, and I encourage all Arkansas to learn about the early signs and symptoms of sepsis in the hope that greater awareness will help prevent fatal or debilitating consequences from the condition.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2022.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

*John Thurston*

John Thurston, Secretary of State