

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States, with more people being diagnosed with skin cancer each year than all other cancers combined; and

WHEREAS: The two most common forms of skin cancer, basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas, are highly treatable if detected early and treated properly; and

WHEREAS: Melanoma, the third most common form of skin cancer, is the deadliest skin cancer, with an estimated 99,780 new melanomas expected to be diagnosed in 2022; and

WHEREAS: Recent studies indicate sun damage in childhood doubles one's chance of developing skin cancer later in life; and

WHEREAS: Indoor tanning bed use before the age of 35 increases one's chance of developing melanoma by 75%; and

WHEREAS: Skin cancer is a public health concern and anyone, regardless of age, gender, or race, is at risk; and

WHEREAS: The risk of skin cancer can be reduced by using sunscreen with a high SPF, wearing protective clothing, and avoiding the outdoors during the hours of 10 am and 4pm, when the sun's rays are the strongest;

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 May 2022, as


SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

across the state, and I urge all citizens to educate themselves on the risks of skin cancer and to talk with family and friends about the importance of early detection and prevention.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 3rd day of May, in the year of our Lord 2022.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


John Thurston, Secretary of State