

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS: Every day, dedicated primary care doctors provide quality care in every part of the state. Whether it is in an emergency room in the rural south or delivering a newborn in the suburbs, volunteering in a health center in an underserved area or working in their own clinic, family physicians apply their skills, training, and experience to make the best decisions to ensure the best health outcome for every patient; and
- WHEREAS: Family physicians continue to be an invaluable resource for COVID-19 diagnosis, treatment, and vaccination; and
- WHEREAS: Family physicians lead the charge to embrace telemedicine; and
- WHEREAS: Family physicians are a source of innovation and resourcefulness to deliver quality, cost-effective care and where family physicians provide comprehensive, holistic healthcare and act as the leader in their healthcare team; and
- WHEREAS: In areas where there are more primary care providers per person, death rates for cancer, heart disease, and stroke are lower; and
- WHEREAS: Better care is achieved in urban and rural communities that have an adequate supply of primary care practitioners and thereby resulting in lower infant mortality, higher birth weights, and immunization rates at our above national standards despite social disparities; and
- WHEREAS: A primary-care based system may cost less because patients experience few hospitalizations, less duplication, and more appropriate technology; and
- WHEREAS: Family physicians decrease costly and unnecessary care by reducing outpatient visits, inpatient admissions, ER visits and surgeries; and
- WHEREAS: Family physicians provide more care for America's underserved and rural populations than any other medical specialty; and
- WHEREAS: Arkansas family physicians are the foundation of our healthcare system, economic drivers in their communities and heroes everywhere; and
- WHEREAS: These dedicated healers deserve an occasion to be recognized for their commitment to care and amazing achievements during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 August 5th, 2021, as

ARKANSAS FAMILY PHYSICIANS DAY

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 August, in the year of our Lord 2021.





Asa Hutchinson, Governor


John Thurston, Secretary Of State