

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Gastroparesis is a chronic illness which, according to National Institutes of Health (NIH) estimates, affects more than 150,000 people in the United States, yet is little known or understood; and

WHEREAS: Gastroparesis is "paralysis of the stomach" which is characterized by sometimes debilitating pain, nausea, vomiting, and early satiety, and can lead to serious complications such as malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight fluctuations, esophageal damage, and dangerously erratic blood sugar levels; and

WHEREAS: There is little awareness, no known cure, and few consistently safe, reliable, and effective medications or treatments; and

WHEREAS: We seek further research, improved medications, additional treatment options, better support, and hope for our future; and

WHEREAS: We seek to educate the citizens of our state, the medical community, and the public regarding the devastating effects of this disorder and promote awareness of our condition for the good of the public health; and

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 2021, as

**GASTROPARESIS AWARENESS MONTH**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2021.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

  
John Thurston, Secretary Of State