TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month has been proclaimed in years past to raise awareness for all men; and

WHEREAS: African American men are more likely to develop prostate cancer and in Arkansas 2.6 times more likely to die from the disease than Caucasian men; and

WHEREAS: Healthcare guidelines recommend that men 55-69 should consider prostate cancer screening after consultation with a healthcare provider; and

WHEREAS: Increased awareness, timely and appropriate detection, and improved treatment practices are essential in controlling prostate cancer, a disease that can affect the lives of entire families in significant ways;

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 2020, as

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across the State, and I urge all men in Arkansas to become aware of risks for prostate cancer and talk to their healthcare providers about being screened for this life-altering disease if and when appropriate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2020.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor