

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Ovarian Cancer is the deadliest of all women's reproductive cancers and is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths in women. Nationally, it is estimated that 22,000 women will be diagnosed with the disease and 14,000 women will die from the disease in 2020; and

WHEREAS: While the incidence for ovarian cancer is not as high as for breast or lung cancer, the death rate is much higher due to 70% of ovarian cancers being diagnosed in advanced stages 3 or 4, when prognosis is poor; and

WHEREAS: In Arkansas, approximately 170 new ovarian cancers will be diagnosed in 2020 and approximately 140 deaths will occur due to ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS: Only a small percentage of women are familiar with the symptoms of ovarian cancer, and a large percentage of women incorrectly believe a yearly Pap smear is effective in screening for ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS: Increased awareness of symptoms and risk factors of ovarian cancer will enhance chances of early detection and survival from the disease; 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 September 2020, as

**OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2020.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor