

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: X-Linked Hypophosphatemia (XLH) is a whole-body, whole-life rare genetic disorder that affects the person from birth, in childhood, adulthood and advanced age, affecting the patient's bones, joint and hearing, as well as dental muscular and rarely nervous systems; and

WHEREAS: XLH affects about one in 20,000 newborns according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH); and

WHEREAS: The effects of the disease cause serious and debilitation symptoms that have a major impact on the lives of those people who suffer from XLH and their families; and

WHEREAS: Patients affected by XLH and their families often encounter a variety of problems outside the illness itself, such as difficulty in obtaining accurate and timely diagnoses, finding effective treatment options, and/or being able to afford the appropriate treatment; and

WHEREAS: XLH is not a curable disease, however dedicated researchers around the world continue their efforts to understand how genetic mutations work with the hope that a cure will be found one day; and

WHEREAS: Educational programs must be public and constant so that new parents and health providers can be exposed to the most up-to-date information;

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 June 23rd, 2021, as

XLH AWARENESS DAY

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 17th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2021.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



John Thurston, Secretary of State