

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Esophageal cancer is among the deadliest and fastest growing cancer diagnoses in our nation; and

WHEREAS: Esophageal cancer is a disease in which cancer cells form in the tissues of the esophagus, often preceded by symptoms of pain or difficulty swallowing, indigestion, heartburn, hoarseness and coughing; risk factors for esophageal cancer include gastric reflux, heavy alcohol and tobacco use; and

WHEREAS: Esophageal cancer is often discovered during advanced stages, but if discovered early, chances for recovery and survival are far better, and treatments for the disease include surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, laser therapy and electrocoagulation; and

WHEREAS: During this month, we raise awareness of esophageal cancer in Arkansas, encouraging citizens to pay attention to esophageal cancer symptoms in order to promote early detection and treatment;

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 April 2017, as

**ESOPHAGEAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN ARKANSAS**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



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Mark Martin, Secretary Of State