

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: In the year 2016, nearly 1,670 men in Arkansas will learn they have prostate cancer and 270 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS: African-American men in Arkansas are more likely to develop prostate cancer and 2.5 times more likely to die from the disease than Caucasian men; and

WHEREAS: Healthcare guidelines recommend that men ages 45-70 should consider prostate cancer screening after consultation with a healthcare provider; and

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

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Prostate Cancer Foundation has been established to promote awareness, encourage timely detection and support improved treatment and survivorship of prostate cancer in Arkansas;

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 2016, as

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 3rd day of August, in the year of our Lord 2016.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Martin".
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State