

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 death in women in the United States, occurring in 1-out-of-every-78 women, with the projected new diagnosis of 22,530 women nationally and 13,980 deaths; 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 nearly 59% of ovarian cancers being diagnosed in advanced stages 3 and 4, when prognosis is poor; and

WHEREAS: In Arkansas, approximately 200 new ovarian cancers will be diagnosed 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 the diagnosis of ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS: Increased awareness of symptoms and risk factors of ovarian cancer may increase chances of early detection and survival from the disease; and

WHEREAS: Since ovarian cancer is considered "the silent killer," the people of Arkansas are invited to join in the battle to make ovarian cancer Silent No More;

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 2019, 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 8th day of July, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest

John Thurston, Secretary Of State