

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: According to the American Cancer Society, bladder cancer is the sixth most common cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS: In 2022, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be approximately 81,180 people in the United States diagnosed with bladder cancer, and an estimated 17,100 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS: Bladder cancer occurs approximately four times more often in men than in women, and it is the fourth most common cancer in men; and

WHEREAS: In 2022, an estimated 710 new cases of bladder cancer will be diagnosed in Arkansas, and an estimated 130 individuals will die from the diagnosis; and

WHEREAS: The five-year relative survival rate for bladder cancer is 77% overall; and

WHEREAS: Bladder cancer can occur at any age, but a high percentage of people suffering from the disease are older than 55; and

WHEREAS: Smoking and exposure to certain chemicals may increase a person's likelihood of developing bladder cancer; and

WHEREAS: Because a bladder cancer diagnosis can frequently be delayed due to a lack of awareness of the early symptoms, such as blood clotting and pain, patients should discuss any changes or concerns with their doctors; 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 May 2022, as

**BLADDER CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

across the state, and I urge all citizens to observe this occasion by educating themselves on the early signs of bladder cancer and learning about the resources available to those affected.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year of our Lord 2022.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Thurston".

John Thurston, Secretary of State