

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Experts agree that nutrition status is a direct measure of health, and that good nutrition can keep people healthy and out of health care institutions;

WHEREAS: Inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, is prevalent in many groups, including vulnerable populations ;

WHEREAS: Illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact good patient health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease;

WHEREAS: Disease-related malnutrition is a highly prevalent form of malnutrition;

WHEREAS: Over two million hospital stays involve malnutrition per year;

WHEREAS: Each day, approximately 15,000 hospital patients with malnutrition go undiagnosed;

WHEREAS: Malnourished patients have two times longer hospital stays compared to patients with no malnutrition;

WHEREAS: Twenty to thirty percent of adults in the community are at risk or have malnutrition;

WHEREAS: Malnutrition leads to more complications, falls, and readmissions, and plays a role in cognitive deterioration, decreased functional capacity and affects quality of life; and

WHEREAS: Screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention are key to improving malnutrition in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, 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 16-20, 2024, as

"MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK 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 27th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2024.



Attest:

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor

John Thurston, Secretary of State