

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: There are 3.1 million licensed registered nurses in the United States and vascular nurses comprise an important part of this health care group. In addition to providing excellence in direct patient care, vascular nurses participate in vascular research and serve as a valuable resource for policy makers; and

WHEREAS: The Society of Vascular Nursing (SVN) is a professional community of vascular nurses, who advance the care for those persons living with vascular disease through excellence in clinical practice, education and research; and

WHEREAS: The core values of SVN are to advocate for both vascular nurses and for those persons who live with complex vascular disease; and

WHEREAS: There are approximately eight million people in the United States with PAD (Peripheral Arterial Disease), a vascular disease in which the arteries supplying a limb (typically one or both legs) are obstructed. Sixty percent of PAD patients have coexisting coronary artery disease (CAD) or cerebrovascular disease; and

WHEREAS: People with vascular disease require an interdisciplinary team approach and the vascular nurse is an integral part of this team. The specialized vascular nurse is able to identify the resources required by the vascular patient population and to assist in providing optimal care and compassion;


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 June 7 through June 13, 2015, as

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across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the important contributions of vascular nurses, who advance the care of persons living with vascular disease through excellence in clinical practice, education and research.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2015.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor