

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The standard of quality in our health-care system is of deep concern to all Americans. Citizens of all backgrounds, whether young or old or from large cities or rural communities, deserve the highest-quality health care from our health institutions and health professionals; and

WHEREAS: Responsibility for maintaining high-quality standards of this country's health-care system lies at the heart of public health and will take the efforts of health-care quality professionals, as well as our communities, our government, health-care providers, and businesses, working together to promote and enhance the quality of patient care; and

WHEREAS: Patient safety is central to top-quality health-care in our Nation and our State, and the key to improving patient safety is understanding the underlying causes of errors, learning from reported errors, and working to eliminate conditions that contribute to preventable errors; and

WHEREAS: Increased improvement in patient safety can be achieved by promoting the widespread sharing of best practices within the health-care industry, as well as by continuous communication between patients and caregivers; and

WHEREAS: The National Patient Safety Foundation has designated March 4 through 10, 2012, as National Patient Safety Awareness Week to raise awareness of the importance of patient safety through its campaign to "Be Aware for Safe Care";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, 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 March 4 through 10, 2012, as

NATIONAL PATIENT SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to recognize the importance of improving patient care 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 10th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2012.

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MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR

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MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE

