

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Neuroendocrine tumors (NETs) often develop into cancer and, if left untreated, can result in serious illness and death; and

WHEREAS: All too often, health-care professionals underestimate the malignant and metastatic potential of neuroendocrine tumors; and

WHEREAS: NET cancer patients are often misdiagnosed or receive a delayed diagnosis, both of which can have a negative impact on their chances of survival and quality of life; and

WHEREAS: Survival for NET cancer patients is further compromised by fragmented care and lack of access to treatment by networks of specialists; and

WHEREAS: Although there have been advances in the detection and treatment of NET cancers, not all patients are benefiting quickly enough from scientific and medical progress in the field; and

WHEREAS: With timely diagnosis and proper treatment, NET cancer patients can have significantly improved outcomes and quality of life;

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 November 10, 2010, as the

FIRST ANNUAL WORLDWIDE NET CANCER AWARENESS DAY

across the State, and I encourage patients, caregivers, health-care professionals, as well as the wider community, to join together to raise awareness about NET cancers and the need for timely diagnosis and access to optimal treatment and care.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 21st day of October in the year of our Lord 2010.

ORIGINAL SIGNED

MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR

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CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE

