

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The War of 1812 was instrumental in solidifying the United States' independence from Great Britain that it is sometimes referred to as the Second War for American Independence; and

WHEREAS: The soldiers, citizens, and their families who, from the close of the Revolutionary War in 1783 to the close of the War of 1812 in 1815, gave service and made sacrifices to defend and further the liberties acquired in the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS: Peter Caulder, a native of South Carolina and free man of African descent, served in the United States Army during the War of 1812; and

WHEREAS: Caulder continued to serve the United States in the Army for the next ten years and was a member of an elite rifle regiment that built a fort on the Arkansas River, now known as Fort Smith; and

WHEREAS: Peter Caulder married Eliza Hall, the daughter of a free-black pioneer, and over the next thirty-five years, they homesteaded and raised a family in Marion County, Arkansas; and


WHEREAS: Peter Caulder's name has been added to the War of 1812 Memorial Fountain located on the grounds of the State Capitol in memory of his service during the War of 1812, his service to the United States, and his service to the State of Arkansas;

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 September 22nd, 2017 as

PETER CAULDER REMEMBRANCE DAY 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 25th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2017.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State