

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: On March 19, 1935 Governor Junius Futrell signed into law the Chrisp – Carter bill, formerly known as Act 120, a statute that created the first Arkansas State Police force; and

WHEREAS: In 1935, the Arkansas State Police consisted of thirteen Rangers who patrolled nearly 9,000 miles of highway. Today, there are 531 State Troopers and 418 civilian support staff, responsible for 16,440 miles of highway; and

WHEREAS: By today's standards, the job of the first thirteen Arkansas State Rangers seems overwhelming, if not impossible. Their success came from a determined spirit of commitment to their job and an abiding dedication to the State and her people; and

WHEREAS: These Rangers had the vision to build a state police force that has grown into a premier law-enforcement agency that ensures our safety on state highways, while working directly with local law-enforcement agencies statewide to provide support services and highly trained personnel; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas State Troopers serve the needs of the public and earn the trust of those they serve. Arkansans owe these Troopers a huge debt of thanks for their willingness to provide courageous service, their devotion to duty and their regard for the safety of all Arkansans;

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 March 19, 2015, as

THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE

across the State of Arkansas, and I encourage my fellow citizens to salute the Arkansas State Police on this day, their 80th anniversary.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 18th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2015.



ASA HUTCHINSON, GOVERNOR

Attest:

MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE