

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: *The freedom and security, which citizens of the United States enjoy today, are direct results of the blood that was shed by – and the ongoing vigilance of – the men and women of the United States Armed Forces over the history of our great Nation; and*

WHEREAS: *The sacrifices made by members of the United States Armed Forces have preserved the liberties that enrich our nation, making it unique in the world community; and*

WHEREAS: *The Bronze Star Medal (BSM) was established in February 1944, but it was determined that many Commanders were unaware of the criteria for awarding the BSM to infantrymen; and*

WHEREAS: *PFC James M. Siler of Bradford, Arkansas was awarded the Combat Medical Badge for his service as a Medical Aidman who went onto the front lines to pick up and carry combat casualties to safety where they could receive medical attention; and*

WHEREAS: *PFC Siler was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his acts of heroism performed in ground combat during World War II; and*

WHEREAS: *All Arkansans and United States citizens owe PFC James M. Siler a lasting debt of gratitude for his bravery and his heroism and should pay tribute to his faithful service;*

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 April 27, 2015, as

JAMES M. SILER DAY

across the State of Arkansas, and I urge my fellow citizens to join me in recognizing PFC Siler's courage, strength and patriotism.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 1st day of May, in the year of our Lord 2015.



Attest:

Mark Martin
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State

Asa Hutchinson
Asa Hutchinson, Governor