

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Our men and women in uniform serving all over the world remind us of the sacrifices necessary to maintain freedom. The strong contributions made by Arkansas's members of the United States Armed Forces, and the family members who support them, have preserved our liberties; and

WHEREAS: In 2004, the United States Congress passed a resolution proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month, calling on all Americans to remember those who gave their lives in defense of freedom and to honor the men and women of all of our Armed Services who have served, or are now serving, our country; and

WHEREAS: The liberties we enjoy as citizens of the United States are won and preserved at great cost and every American owes our men and women in uniform a lasting debt of gratitude for their heroism; and

WHEREAS: The Ozark Freedom Rally is being held in Highfill on May 15th through 17th, 2015 to honor, salute and benefit our Nation's veterans. This charity-driven motorcycle rally is located in the heart of the scenic Ozark Mountain Region and offers some of the best ride routes, music and barbecue; and

WHEREAS: This single most important purpose of this family friendly event is to honor and support the American Veterans who have provided the freedoms we enjoy today;

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 May 16, 2015, as

ARMED FORCES APPRECIATION DAY

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to participate in this observance and to reflect on the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women in our State and Nation who have proudly served in the United States Armed Forces.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 12th day of May in the year of our Lord 2015.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State