

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: United States Marine Corps Staff Sergeant David Allen Wyatt of Ozark and Russellville, Arkansas was born on November 7, 1979 and was a dedicated and courageous Marine who was deeply loved by his family and many friends. SSgt Wyatt selflessly gave his life on Thursday, July 16, 2015 in Chattanooga, Tennessee while protecting his community, country and his fellow service members; and

WHEREAS: Born in Morganton, North Carolina, David was the beloved son of Deborah and Martin Boen of Atkins, Arkansas and Allen and Michelle Wyatt of St. Augustine, Florida; the devoted husband of Lorri Wyatt of Hixson, North Carolina; the adoring father of his children, Rebecca and Heith; the loving brother of Dawne Trent, Elizabeth Kleinman, Chauntisy Ayers, Chesleigh Palmer, Thomas Fleenor and Jeremiah Wyatt, as well as a much loved member of his extended family and a loyal friend to scores of people from across the world; and

WHEREAS: Being a longtime patriot, David joined the Marine Corps following the events of 9/11 and graduated Boot Camp from Parris Island, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS: Staff Sergeant Wyatt served eleven years in the USMC in multiple locations including Okinawa, Japan; 29 Palms, California; Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; Kuwait; and Korea, and courageously fought in both Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS: All Arkansans and United States citizens owe David a lasting debt of gratitude for his bravery and his heroism and should pay tribute to his faithful service; and

WHEREAS: Citizens of this State and Nation extend deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones of Staff Sergeant David Allen Wyatt;

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 August 7, 2015, as

SSGT DAVID ALLEN WYATT DAY

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to honor United States Marine Corps Staff Sergeant David Allen Wyatt for his heroic actions and selfless sacrifice.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 3rd day of August, in the year of our Lord 2015.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State