

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The men and women of the United States' Armed Forces, without regard to personal cost or sacrifice, answer the call to defend our Nation, its freedoms, and ideals whenever they are called upon; and

WHEREAS: Across the generations, Arkansans from every corner of the Natural State have been among these warrior guardians of democracy, and have served and continue to serve with honor, courage and integrity; and

WHEREAS: Chartered by Congress in 1958, the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) is composed of military men and women, who received the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in combat; and

WHEREAS: In the ongoing War on Terror, many Arkansans carry on the proud tradition of our State by daily putting their lives at risk, and all too often suffer wounds or injury in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS: Many courageous Arkansans have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force, an action understood to be singularly meritorious in the performance of essential service; and

WHEREAS: Our brave men and women of the Armed Services have unselfishly protected and defended the United States of America, and we owe them a lasting debt of gratitude for their courage, heroism, patriotism and devotion to duty in defense of our State and our Nation;

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 October 3, 2015, as

ARKANSAS PURPLE HEART DAY

across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to join me in honoring the service and sacrifice of Arkansas's men and women in uniform wounded or killed while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 14th day of September, in the year of our Lord 2015.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Martin".

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State