

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Sebastian County Sheriff's Deputy Bill Cooper was fatally wounded in the line of duty on August 10, 2016 after responding to a call in the morning with Hackett Police Chief Darrell Spells, who was also injured during the standoff; and

WHEREAS: A devoted public servant, Deputy Cooper spent five years with the Fort Smith Police Department before his time in the Sebastian County Sheriff's Department, where he protected and defended others for fifteen years; and

WHEREAS: Prior to his career in law enforcement, Deputy Cooper demonstrated his patriotism by serving our nation in the United States Marine Corps; and

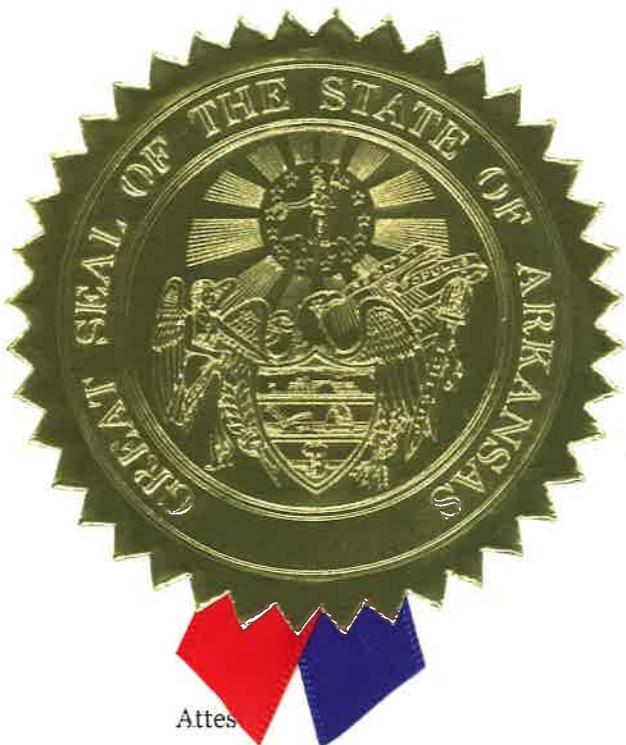
WHEREAS: Deputy Cooper was a loved and cherished civil servant. He displayed his courage, dedication and selfless nature by his lifelong commitment to answer the call and defend the lives of Arkansans and all Americans;

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, in tribute to the memory of Deputy Bill Cooper and as an expression of public sorrow, do hereby direct that the state flag of Arkansas be flown at half-staff from August 11, 2016 to the day of interment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 11th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State