

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: There are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the law enforcement communities in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and

WHEREAS: Since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 283 in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: May 14<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 is National Police Week and Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy; and

WHEREAS: The President of the United States, in accordance with a joint resolution approved on October 1, 1962 by the United States Congress, has proclaimed May 15, 2017 as "Peace Officers Memorial Day," and Arkansas joins in the commemoration of these fallen officers;

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 our State and our Nation's fallen law enforcement officers, and as an expression of public sorrow, do hereby direct that the state flag of Arkansas be flown at half-staff on Monday, May 15, 2017.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State