

# STATE OF ARKANSAS

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: During the War of 1812, Francis Scott Key, after having anxiously watched from afar the bombardment of Fort McHenry throughout the night of September 13, 1814, saw his country's flag still flying in the early morning of the following day; and

WHEREAS: This stirring evidence of the failure of the prolonged British attack inspired him to write the Star Spangled Banner, which would become our National Anthem over a century later; and

WHEREAS: The Star Spangled Banner became our National Anthem on March 3, 1931, when President Herbert Hoover signed Public Law 823; and

WHEREAS: Our National Anthem symbolizes endurance, promotes patriotism, and inspires 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, do hereby proclaim September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as

#### STAR SPANGLED BANNER DAY IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to remember the historic event that inspired our National Anthem to be penned by Francis Scott Key during the War of 1812.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State