

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: United States Navy Seaman First Class Henry Glenn Tipton was born on June 15, 1921, and raised in Lawrence County near Imboden, Arkansas. Tipton enlisted in the Navy on February 5, 1940, intending to have a career in the military and retire after 20 years; however, due to tragic and unforeseen circumstances, his life was taken during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941; and

WHEREAS: As a young man, Tipton was athletic and determined. After finishing the eighth grade with no public high school to attend, he went to work, sending money back home to his sisters when he could; and

WHEREAS: At the age of 19, Tipton enlisted in the Navy with dreams for his future. Near the time of his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, he returned home for a couple of months to recover from the measles before being assigned to the USS Oklahoma at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS: On December 7, 1941, “the date which will live in infamy,” the USS Oklahoma was struck by multiple torpedoes and immediately capsized, killing 429 crewman, including Tipton; and

WHEREAS: Tipton’s family was notified that he was “missing in action” and “presumed dead,” but they clung to hope that he survived until February 1944, when Tipton’s father received the Purple Heart Medal which was awarded to his son, posthumously; and

WHEREAS: Through recent DNA samples from Tipton’s family, Tipton was identified in Hawaii’s cemetery and, after 76 years, will be brought home to rest in the place where he spent his childhood; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas is honored to bring home Seaman Glenn Tipton and to remember his life and service to this 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, in tribute to the memory of Seaman First Class Henry Glenn Tipton and as an expression of public sorrow, do hereby direct that the state flag of Arkansas be flown at half-staff from sunrise June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, to sunset on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as

HENRY GLENN TIPTON MEMORIAL DAY IN ARKANSAS

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 2018.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

*Mark Martin*

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State