STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: On May 12, 1919, the American Legion was chartered by Congress as a patriotic, wartime veterans' organization devoted to mutual aid for veterans who served our country in wars. Arkansas was represented from the beginning at both the Paris and St. Louis Caucuses and was the first state to file letters of incorporation; and

WHEREAS: Our men and women in uniform serving all over the world remind us of the sacrifices necessary to maintain freedom. The strong contributions made by Arkansas's members of the United States Armed Forces, and the family members who support them, have preserved our liberties; and

WHEREAS: We still believe today that the blessings of freedom require constant vigilance and sacrifice, and that the brave Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and Airmen who serve our country are the beloved sons and daughters of our land; and

WHEREAS: The liberties we enjoy as citizens of the United States are won and preserved at great cost, and every American owes our men and women in uniform a lasting debt of gratitude for their heroism; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas Legionnaires are involved in many community, state, and national projects, and continually work to promote patriotism and strong character in youth;

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 June 22nd through June 24th, 2018, as

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across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to reflect upon the sacrifices endured by our veterans who have answered the call to defend our nation in its hour of need.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 1st day of May, in the year of our Lord 2018.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State