

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Honorable John Sidney McCain III, born on August 29, 1936, at Coco Solo Naval Air Station in the Panama Canal Zone, was a United States Senator for the State of Arizona. He was deeply loved by his family and many friends; he died August 25, 2018, at his home in Sedona, Arizona. He was a beloved statesman and servant of the people; and

WHEREAS: Before ever holding public office, he demonstrated his dedication to duty and his allegiance to country by serving as a Navy lieutenant commander in Vietnam. He was shot down over Hanoi and endured torture as a prisoner of war for over five years. His courage at the hands of the enemy emboldened a life of resiliency and a spirit of determination; and

WHEREAS: John McCain was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1982 and served two terms. In 1987, he was elected to the United States Senate, where he stayed in office until his death. During his tenure as Senator, he became known for bipartisanship and compromise, including his commitment to immigration reform and campaign finance reform; and

WHEREAS: Known as a “maverick,” McCain helped to restore diplomatic relations with Vietnam during the 1990’s and helped to confirm Presidential nominees. In 2008, McCain ran for President of the United States and lost to President Barak Obama; and

WHEREAS: During his over thirty-one years as a United States Senator, McCain served as ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, as Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, as Chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee, and on the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs; and

WHEREAS: Senator John Sidney McCain was known as a man of conviction, a servant of the people, an example of civility in a time of increasing partisan strife, and an American hero;

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 Senator John McCain and as an expression of public sorrow, do hereby direct that the state flag of Arkansas be flown at half-staff from sunrise August 27, 2018, to sunset on 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 27th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2018.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor

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Mark Martin, Secretary Of State