STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The men and women of our United States Armed Forces put their lives and bodies on the line to protect the freedoms and interests of the United States of America. They do this by choice and deserve our respect and honor; and

WHEREAS: When our US Military Service men and women are injured in the line of duty, they are awarded a Purple Heart medal. This is the oldest and one of the most recognized symbols of our rich military traditions, originally established by General George Washington; and

WHEREAS: To bring awareness and honor to these wounded heroes, the State of Arkansas and its citizens want to publicly show our appreciation to all of those who served, those who gave some and those who gave all in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS: We owe our brave servicemen and women a debt of gratitude for their patriotism, courage, and devotion to our 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, do hereby proclaim October 6th, 2018, as

ARKANSAS PURPLE HEART DAY

across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to join me in honoring the service and sacrifice of Arkansas's men and women in uniform wounded or killed while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

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

GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

Attest:

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State