STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Memorial Day was first observed in 1868, established to honor those who gave their lives in the Civil War. Since then, our Nation has set this day aside each year as a solemn occasion to pay tribute to all the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country and in defense of liberty and justice for all; and

WHEREAS: During this Memorial Day observance, we honor all of our fallen soldiers, thank them for their commitment to our country, and recall their legacy of patriotism. By giving their lives in the cause of freedom, these heroes have protected and inspired all Americans; and

WHEREAS: By paying homage to these proud Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who gave their full measure of devotion, we renew our commitment to upholding the democratic ideals they fought and died to preserve; and

WHEREAS: We pray for peace throughout the world, remembering all that is gained and all that is lost during times of war;

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 May 27th, 2019,

MEMORIAL DAY

across the State of Arkansas, and I urge all citizens to join in observances being held to pay homage to those who gave their lives in the defense of this Nation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2019.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary Of State