

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Stone County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Stephen was fatally wounded in the line of duty on July 18, 2019, after responding to a call in the morning; and

WHEREAS: A devoted public servant, Deputy Stephen's selfless and brave nature shone through his dedication to uphold law and order on a daily basis despite dangerous circumstances and his own personal safety; and

WHEREAS: Deputy Stephen was a loved and cherished civil servant. He displayed his courage, dedication and selfless nature by his lifelong commitment to answer the call and defend the lives of Arkansans and all Americans; and

WHEREAS: As evident in Deputy Stephen's life, as well as in his death, he had a determination to serve his fellow man. His strength, courage, and service will continue to inspire the people of Arkansas and is worthy of our remembrance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the United States and the State of Arkansas, in tribute to the memory of Deputy Mike Stephen and as an expression of public sorrow, do hereby direct that the United States Flag and the state flag of Arkansas be flown at half-staff from July 18, 2019, to 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 18th day of July, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:


John Thurston, Secretary Of State