

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: United States Navy Storekeeper 1st Class John W. Craig, 26, of Monroe, Arkansas, was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma when, due to tragic and unforeseen circumstances, his life was taken during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS: On December 7, 1941, “the date which will live in infamy,” the USS Oklahoma was struck by multiple torpedoes and immediately capsized, killing 429 crewman, including Petty Officer Craig; and

WHEREAS: Through DNA analysis, Petty Officer Craig was identified in Hawaii’s cemetery and, after 78 years, will be brought home to rest; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas is honored to bring home Petty Officer Craig and to remember his life and service to this 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, in tribute to the memory of Petty Officer Craig and as an expression of public sorrow, do hereby direct that the state flag of Arkansas be flown at half-staff from sunrise December 5, 2019, to sunset on December 6, 2019.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 December 6, 2019, as

JOHN W. CRAIG MEMORIAL DAY IN ARKANSAS

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 30th day of October, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



John Thurston, Secretary Of State