TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Wing of Civil Air Patrol is home to 260 adult and 203 cadet members aged 12 and above across the state; and

WHEREAS: These volunteers have been tasked by the US Air Force, as their official auxiliary, for inland search and rescue of downed aircraft and other disaster relief efforts within the state; and

WHEREAS: The state has sanctioned the Civil Air Patrol as part of the Arkansas State Military Department and wider Emergency Services Team; and

WHEREAS: Members of the Civil Air Patrol Arkansas Wing flew 41 missions, in 6 aircraft, to support disaster relief efforts of the historic, spring 2019 Arkansas floods; and

WHEREAS: Those efforts yielded 75.3 flight hours, 410 working hours, and 4618 images of flood-threatened areas of 17 Arkansas Counties; and

WHEREAS: The Civil Air Patrol has conducted over 276 flights in 2019 for both operational and training missions for disaster relief or emergency services; and

WHEREAS: The Civil Air Patrol conducted an addition 108 cadet orientation flights in 2019 that introduces Arkansas youth to careers or opportunities in aviation;

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 February 22nd, 2020, as

CIVIL AIR PATROL RECOGNITION DAY

Across the State, and I encourage all citizens with the means to thank, help, assist, or volunteer their own time talents and energies to the cause of Civil Air Patrol’s missions of Aerospace Education of the general public, Emergency Services, and development of our youth through Cadet Programs.

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 January, in the year of our Lord 2020.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary Of State