STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Our men and women in uniform serving all over the world remind us of the sacrifices necessary to maintain freedom. The strong contributions made by Arkansas's members of the United States Armed Forces, and the family members who support them, have preserved our liberties; and

WHEREAS: In 2004, the United States Congress passed a resolution proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month, calling on all Americans to remember those who gave their lives in defense of freedom and to honor the men and women of all of our Armed Services who have served, or are now serving, our country; and

WHEREAS: The liberties we enjoy as citizens of the United States are won and preserved at great cost, and every American owes our men and women in uniform a lasting debt of gratitude for their heroism; and

WHEREAS: May 2020 will serve as a time of reflection on the courageous members of the United States military and provide a special occasion for all citizens to honor these individuals in our communities;

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 16th, 2020, as

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across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to recognize and respect the invaluable service members of the United States Armed Forces have provided to our nation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 6th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2020.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor