

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: There are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the law enforcement communities in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and

WHEREAS: Since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 24,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and have been killed in the line of duty, including 301 in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: May 10th through May 16th, 2020, is National Police Week and Wednesday, May 15th, 2020, is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy; and

WHEREAS: In accordance with a joint resolution by the United States Congress, which was approved on October 1st, 1962, the President of the United States is authorized and requested to designate May 15th of each year as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" and the week in which it falls as "Police Week"; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas joins in the commemoration of all fallen officers and commends all law enforcement officers for their courageous and steadfast service to the Nation and to the State of Arkansas;

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 our State and our Nation's fallen law enforcement officers, and as an expression of public sorrow, do hereby direct that the state flag of Arkansas be flown at half-staff on Friday, May 15th, 2020.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 12th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2020.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor