

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: United States Navy Fireman First Class Dan Edward Reagan was born on January 18, 1921, and was raised in Forester, Arkansas. At the age of 17, Fireman First Class Reagan entered the Navy at the Navy Recruiting Station in Little Rock, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Fireman First Class Reagan 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 crewmen, including Fireman First Class Reagan. He was only 20 years old; and

WHEREAS: Through DNA analysis, Fireman First Class Reagan was identified and, after 80 years, will be brought home to rest; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas is honored to bring home Fireman First Class Reagan 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 Fireman First Class Reagan and as an expression of public sorrow, do hereby direct the United States Flag and the Arkansas State Flag be flown at half-staff from sunrise November 1, 2021, to sunset on November 2, 2021.

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 November 2, 2021, as

DAN EDWARD REAGAN 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord 2021.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

*John Thurston*  
John Thurston, Secretary of State