

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: United States Air Force Pilot, Lieutenant Henry Donald Mitchell, was born in December 1921 and was raised in Harmon, Arkansas. Lt. Mitchell attended college at John Brown University before going off to war in 1943; and

WHEREAS: On July 8, 1944, flight leader Lt. Donald E. Wimmer led Green Flight on a fighter sweep to Vienna, Austria. Lt. Mitchell was flying in the No. 2 position as the flight was engaged by enemy aircraft; and

WHEREAS: Lt. Wimmer observed enemy aircraft attacking from the rear and called a right break. While engaging the enemy, he noticed that Lt. Mitchell's P-38 aircraft had disappeared. After the enemy aircraft were dispersed, Lt. Wimmer called his squadron to have them check in. Lt. Mitchell's last known words were "Green Two, okay;" and

WHEREAS: Through DNA analysis, Lt. Mitchell was identified and, after 77 years, will be brought home to rest; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas is honored to bring home Lt. Mitchell 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 Lt. Henry Donald Mitchell 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 September 13, 2021, to sunset on September 14, 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 September 14, 2021, as

HENRY DONALD MITCHELL 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord 2021.



Attest

*John Thurston*  
John Thurston, Secretary of State

*Asa Hutchinson*  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor