

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Douglas MacArthur, General of the United States Army, commander of the Southwest Pacific Theater during World War II, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers during the Japanese occupation, and United Nations Commander during the Korean War was born on January 26, 1880, at Little Rock Barracks, Little Rock, Arkansas, and died on April 5, 1964, in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS: Born into a military family, MacArthur's father received the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award for military service, for his actions during the American Civil War. MacArthur's military upbringing led him to the United States' Military Academy at West Point, where he excelled and graduated first in his class of 1903. Following his graduation, MacArthur fought in World War I and was promoted to brigadier general during World War II; and

WHEREAS: In 1919, MacArthur became the Superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, and in 1924, he was assigned to duty in the Philippines where he helped to end the Philippine Scout Mutiny. In 1930, MacArthur became Chief of Staff of the United States Army, and in 1932, he helped to organize the Civilian Conservation Corps. In 1937, he retired from the US Army and became Military Advisor to the Commonwealth Government of the Philippines; and

WHEREAS: In 1941, MacArthur was called back to active duty as commander of the United States Army Forces in the Far East during World War II. In 1942, he became Supreme Commander, Southwest Pacific Area. On September 2, 1945, World War II ended aboard the USS *Missouri* as General Douglas MacArthur officially accepted Japan's surrender; and

WHEREAS: Shortly after World War II ended, the Korean conflict began, and MacArthur was appointed Supreme Commander of the United Nations Forces; and

WHEREAS: Upon his departure from the Korean conflict, MacArthur returned to civilian life in 1951, where he lived in New York City and became Chairman of the Board of Remington Rand; and

WHEREAS: MacArthur died on April 5, 1964, at the age of 84. He is buried at the MacArthur Memorial Park in Norfolk City, Virginia;

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 January 26, 2022, as

GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR DAY

and I encourage my fellow citizens to remember General Douglas MacArthur for his loyal service and outstanding duty to his country.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 2nd day of December, in the year of our Lord 2021.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:


John Thurston, Secretary of State