TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The freedom and security enjoyed by the citizens of the United States are direct results of the blood that was, and still is, shed by the men and women of the United States Armed Forces over the history of our great nation; and

WHEREAS: The sacrifices made by members of the United States Armed Forces and the family members who support them have preserved the liberties that enrich our nation, making it unique in the international community; and

WHEREAS: In 1936, the United States Congress passed a resolution designating the last Sunday in September as “Gold Star Mother’s Day” calling on all Americans to recognize and honor all mothers whose sons or daughters lost their lives while serving in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS: America’s Gold Star Mothers and their families continue to remember the sons and daughters who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS: Gold Star Mother’s and Family Day gives us the opportunity to pay our respects to the mothers and families of fallen soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, guardsmen, reservists, and Coast Guard, and to reassure them that their children’s legacies live on because of their valor, honor, and patriotism;

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 September 25th, 2022, as

GOLD STAR MOTHER’S AND FAMILY DAY

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 23rd day of May, in the year of our Lord 2022.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary of State