

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Former Adjutant General MG (Retired) Harold Gwatney passed away on January 7, 2022; and

WHEREAS: A lifelong Arkansan, General Gwatney joined the Arkansas National Guard in 1948, serving as an enlisted member until his commissioning as a Second Lieutenant in 1953; and

WHEREAS: General Gwatney commanded the 39<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade (Separate) from 1973 to 1978; and

WHEREAS: General Gwatney was selected and appointed to the position of Adjutant General of the Arkansas National Guard in 1981 by Governor Frank D. White; and

WHEREAS: A selfless public servant, General Gwatney served as Adjutant General until 1983 where he displayed skill and dedication in the administration of the Arkansas National Guard, and the State of Arkansas recognizes his significant contributions; and

WHEREAS: While serving with the National Guard, General Gwatney also founded Gwatney Chevrolet—now known as Gwatney Automotive Companies—in 1957, thereby influencing the auto industry in Arkansas for decades; and

WHEREAS: General Gwatney’s long and distinguished career will serve as an example for those who wish to serve, and we are grateful for his life, actions, and memory;

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 General Gwatney 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 January 10, 2022, to the day of interment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of our Lord 2022.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary of State