

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Major Dean Douglas, a first responder with the Metropolitan Emergency Medical Services (MEMS), died on November 26, 2021, after suffering an injury while serving in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS: A courageous and selfless citizen, Major Douglas spent his lifetime protecting the lives of Americans. He joined the United States Navy in 1989 and later served in Operation Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS: Major Douglas eventually settled in Arkansas and continued his service as a paramedic with MEMS while also volunteering with the Gravel Ridge Fire Department, where he served as Captain. He also was involved on a first responder mission for Hurricane Katrina in 2005; and

WHEREAS: Having protected the lives of countless individuals, Major Douglas's commitment to saving others continues even after his death. An organ and tissue donor, Major Douglas has given a second chance at life for eight organ recipients. Major Douglas will remain an example for all who wish to serve, and we are grateful for his life, actions, and memory; and

WHEREAS: As evident in Major Douglas's life, as well as in his death, he had a determination to protect his fellow man. His bravery and actions will continue to inspire the people of Arkansas and is worthy of our remembrance;


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 Major Douglas and as an expression of public sorrow, do hereby direct the United States flag and the state flag of Arkansas be flown at half-staff from November 30, 2021, 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 30th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2021.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:


John Thurston, Secretary of State