

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Disabled American Veterans (DAV) was founded by World War I veterans on September 25, 1920, and was chartered by an Act of Congress on June 17, 1932; and

WHEREAS: In 2020, DAV celebrates 100 years of serving veterans of the Armed Forces, their families and survivors, and communities; and

WHEREAS: DAV is dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS: DAV accomplishes this by ensuring veterans and their families have access to the full range of benefits available to them, by fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes, and by educating the public about the needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life; and

WHEREAS: DAV provides free, professional assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other agencies; and

WHEREAS: DAV also provides outreach concerning its programs and services to the American people and to disabled veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS: DAV represents the interests of disabled veterans, their families, their widowed spouses and their children before the federal government, as well as state and local governments; and

WHEREAS: DAV has fought tirelessly for equal access to critical VA caregiver benefits and services for severely disabled veterans of all generations, resulting in legislation to expand eligibility to those injured prior to September 11, 2001, as part of the VA MISSION Act; and

WHEREAS: DAV and its 20 chapters across our state demonstrate the unending commitment to ill and injured veterans of all generations and conflicts;

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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as

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across the State, and I urge all citizens to observe with pride all Disabled American Veterans in the State of Arkansas, as we value and reflect on the many sacrifices both they and their families have made to our state and our nation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord 2020.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor