

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Americans look to our servicemen and women as examples of courage and sacrifice. Whenever Americans are needed to advance the cause of freedom, our men and women in uniform proudly step forward and selflessly endure hardships to defend liberty. We are grateful to all who have served this country, and on POW/MIA Recognition Day, we pay special honor to those who have been prisoners of war and to those who are still missing in action; and

WHEREAS: There are many brave former prisoners of war living among us in Arkansas, many of whom still cope with the physical and emotional aftermath of their captivity. All Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to these quiet heroes and to the families of those still missing in action; and

WHEREAS: For their courageous defense of our Nation, we remember with deep gratitude those who suffered captivity and those whose fate remains unknown; and

WHEREAS: We acknowledge with eternal appreciation and respect those who paid for our freedom with their own, and we remember with deep sorrow those whose fate has never been resolved;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Ark. Code Ann. § 1-5-112, do hereby proclaim September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as

**POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**

across the State, and I urge all Arkansans to join me in honoring former American prisoners of war and those whose fate is still undetermined. I also encourage Arkansans to remember with compassion and concern the courageous families who persevere in their quest to know the fate of their missing loved ones.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, in the year of our Lord 2021.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest

*John Thurston*  
John Thurston, Secretary Of State