

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

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: United States Navy Fireman First Class, Samuel “Cyrus” Steiner was born on April 4, 1921, and was raised on a family farm in Little River County, Arkansas. While attending Foreman High School, Fireman First Class Steiner enlisted in the United States Navy, giving up his last years of high school and playing for the Foreman Gators football team.

WHEREAS: Fireman First Class Steiner was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma when, due to tragic and unforeseen circumstances, his life was taken during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS: On December 7, 1941, “the date which will live in infamy,” the USS Oklahoma was struck by multiple torpedoes and immediately capsized, killing 429 crewmen, including Fireman First Class Steiner. He was only 20 years old; and

WHEREAS: Through DNA analysis, Fireman First Class Steiner was identified and, after 79 years, will be brought home to rest; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas is honored to bring home Fireman First Class Steiner and to remember his life and service to this Nation;

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 Fireman First Class Steiner 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 sunrise November 20, 2020, to sunset on November 21, 2020.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 November 21, 2020, as

**SAMUEL CYRUS STEINER MEMORIAL DAY IN ARKANSAS**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of our Lord 2020.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor