TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CONCERNING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas is committed to ensuring that state agencies coordinate an effective and efficient response to disasters and emergencies; and

WHEREAS: Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-5 directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS) that would provide a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size and complexity; and

WHEREAS: The Incident Command System (ICS) components of the NIMS are already an integral part of current emergency management throughout the State; and

WHEREAS: The NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the State’s ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS: The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized ICS; and

WHEREAS: The NIMS is a base component of the National Preparedness System as defined by Presidential Policy Directive (PPD)-8;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, acting under the authority vested in me by the State of Arkansas, do hereby order that all state offices, agencies, departments and commissions involved in directing, controlling or coordinating activities of an incident shall adopt the National Incident Management System, and that it shall be the State’s standard for incident management. This Executive Order shall be effective on its signing, and shall remain in full force and effect until amended, superseded or rescinded by further executive order.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 8th day of June, in the year of our Lord 2015.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State