STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

EO 18-12

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME–GREETINGS:

EXECUTIVE ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDING, AS AUTHORIZED BY ARK. CODE ANN. §§ 12-75-114, AS AMENDED, FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DISASTER FUND, EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

WHEREAS: The Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) system is a congressionally ratified organization that provides form and structure to interstate mutual aid. Through EMAC, a disaster impacted state or territory can request and receive assistance from other member states or territories quickly and efficiently; and

WHEREAS: Severe storms, high winds, and flooding due to Hurricane Maria have caused an emergency situation, beginning September 16, 2017, to September 22, 2017, with such severity that the EMAC was activated and action was warranted to alleviate hardship and suffering from emergency response support in the United States Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS: Adverse circumstances have been brought to bear upon the citizens and public properties within the U.S. Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS: These political subdivisions require supplemental assistance from the State to recover from these losses;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Asa Hutchinson, Governor of the State of Arkansas, acting under the authority vested in me by Ark. Code Ann. §§ 12-75-101, *et seq.*, do hereby amend Executive Order 18-07, dated March 28, 2018, to authorize funds in the amount of $750,000.00 to be obligated from the Emergency Response Fund of the Governor's Disaster Fund to be used at the discretion of the Director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management to defray both program and administrative costs. All EMAC requests are reimbursable from requesting states and territories, and funds will be returned to the Emergency Response Fund once received.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 5th day of July, in the year of our Lord 2018.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

Att

Mark Martin, Secretary of State