TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Severe storms and flooding that began May 21, 2019, and continuing, with the expectation that severe flooding of historic proportion will likely result; and

WHEREAS: Great hardship is expected upon the citizens and public property within the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Adverse circumstances have been brought to bear upon the citizens and public properties within the State; 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 declare a state of emergency and suspend the provisions of regulating statutes prescribing procedures for conduct of the State Office of Purchasing, the Arkansas Building Authority, the State Office of Personnel Management, and all other State departments and agencies to render maximum assistance to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management relative to any potential impediment to the rapid and orderly rendering of assistance to these political subdivisions.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 24th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2019.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary Of State