

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

EO 19-09

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: Severe storms and flooding of historic proportions beginning May 21, 2019, and continuing to this day, with such severity, caused significant damage to the state's system of levees; and

WHEREAS: Great hardship was wrought upon the citizens and public property within 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 and repair the damaged levees to prevent future 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 authorize funds from the Governor's Disaster Fund, in the amount of \$10,000,000 to be used at the discretion of the Director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, working in consultation with the Director of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, to repair levees and other critical infrastructure and defray both program and administrative costs; and


FURTHERMORE, I hereby invoke emergency executive powers vested in me by Ark. Code Ann. §§ 12-75-101, *et seq.*, as amended, 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, the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, 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 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 26th day of June, in the year of our Lord 2019.





Asa Hutchinson, Governor



John Thurston, Secretary Of State