EXECUTIVE ORDER TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY, AS AUTHORIZED BY
ARK. CODE ANN. §12-75-114, AND ORDER THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH TO TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19,
AS AUTHORIZED BY ARK. CODE ANN. §20-7-110.

WHEREAS: An outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has spread
throughout China and to 59 other countries and territories, including the
United States; and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 has been detected within the State of Arkansas and adjoining
states, threatening the public safety of the citizens of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 is a new disease and there is more to learn about how it spreads,
the severity of illness it causes, and to what extent it may spread; and

WHEREAS: The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person between
people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory
droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Therefore,
isolation and quarantine can be necessary and effective public health
measures to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS: The Secretary of Health may issue orders of isolation and/or quarantine
as necessary and appropriate to control this disease in the State of
Arkansas, and the Secretary of Health, in consultation with the Governor,
shall have sole authority over all instances of quarantine, isolation, and
restrictions on commerce and travel throughout the state; and

WHEREAS: It is essential that our schools and educational institutions remain
operational in the most practicable manner possible without jeopardizing
public safety; and

WHEREAS: All necessary measures should be implemented to ensure that essential
state services remain available to those who depend on them; and

WHEREAS: All necessary measures should be implemented to ensure that citizens
maintain access to essential goods and commodities, including, but not
limited to, groceries, pharmacy items, household consumables, and fuel;
and

WHEREAS: Spread of COVID-19 is likely to impact drivers of commercial vehicles
transporting essential items of commerce during this emergency,
including but not limited to, groceries, pharmacy items, medical
equipment, goods, commodities, fuel, poultry, and livestock. 49 C.F.R.
Section 390.23 authorizes a state governor to declare a regional emergency
during the duration of the emergency conditions, not to exceed thirty (30)
days from the date of the initial declaration of emergency, and to exempt
any motor carrier or driver operating a commercial motor vehicle to
provide direct assistance in providing emergency relief during an
emergency from Parts 390 through 399 of Chapter 49, Code of Federal
Regulations;
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., and § 20-7-110, do hereby amend executive order EO 20-03, dated March 11, 2020, to authorize funds from the Governor’s Disaster Fund, Emergency Response Fund, in the amount of $750,000. Such funds will be used at the discretion of the Director of the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management to defray both program and administrative costs; and

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 12th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2020.

[Signature]
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest
[Signature]
John Thurston, Secretary of State