TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

EXECUTIVE ORDER TO AMEND EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-29 TO PROVIDE FUNDING, AS AUTHORIZED BY ARK. CODE ANN. § 12-75-114, AS AMENDED, FROM THE GOVERNOR’S DISASTER FUND, EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

WHEREAS: Our citizens have the right to peacefully assemble and protest and the State of Arkansas is committed to protecting those rights; and

WHEREAS: Recent assemblies and protests occurring in the State of Arkansas have been overtaken by destructive and violent individuals, creating conditions of distress for the citizens and businesses of the State; and

WHEREAS: The rule of law must be maintained for the protection of citizens and businesses from violence and damage; and

WHEREAS: Additional resources of the State of Arkansas are needed to help relieve the conditions of distress and hazard to the safety and welfare of the citizens of the state; and

WHEREAS: An invocation of the provision of A.C.A. § 12-61-111 and A.C.A. § 12-61-115 is appropriate to ensure the safety and welfare of our citizens; and

WHEREAS: On June 2, 2020, Executive Order 20-29 was issued to declare a state of emergency, establish a unified command response with assistance from the Arkansas National Guard, and engage the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management to provide resources as needed to support the emergency response;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Asa Hutchinson, Governor of the State of Arkansas, acting under the authority vested in me by Ark. Code Ann. §12-61-111, §12-61-115, and §12-75-101, et seq., do hereby amend Executive Order 20-29, dated June 2, 2020 to authorize funds from the Governor’s Disaster Fund, in the amount of $100,000 to be obligated from the Emergency Response Fund. 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 9th day of June, in the year of our Lord 2020.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor