TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

EXECUTIVE ORDER TO AMEND EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-30 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING MEMBERS TO THE TASK FORCE TO ADVANCE THE STATE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT IN ARKANSAS

WHEREAS: The rule of law is a founding principle of our society; and

WHEREAS: Well trained, educated, and professional law enforcement officers are essential to maintaining a free society by balancing the rights and liberties granted to all citizens with the enforcement of the rule of law; and

WHEREAS: Citizens expect law enforcement officers to serve the public and conduct themselves with the highest standards of professionalism, fairness, and dignity toward citizens, while maintaining respect and reverence for the rule of law; and

WHEREAS: It is a matter of state importance to ensure that law enforcement training, policies, and operations support and require these high standards for law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of the state and its citizens to explore best practices and procedures for recruiting, training, and maintaining law enforcement officers who will uphold the high standards expected by the citizens of Arkansas and demanded by the rule of law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby order the following:

(1) There is hereby created a Task Force to Advance the State of Law Enforcement in Arkansas, which shall serve as an advisory body of the Governor.

(2) The task force shall be composed of members appointed by the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Mr. Fred Weatherspoon shall be chairman of the task force. The task force shall be composed of:

a) Fred Weatherspoon, Deputy Director of Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy;

b) Percy Wilburn, Lake Village Chief of Police and Vice Chairman of Arkansas Commission of Law Enforcement Standards and Training;

c) Jamii Cook, Secretary of the Arkansas Department of Public Safety;

d) Shirley Washington, Mayor of Pine Bluff;

e) James Sanders, Mayor of Blytheville;

f) Tim Holder, Sheriff of Washington County;

g) Scott Hamilton, CEO and President of Urban League of the State of Arkansas;

h) Gina Gomez, Executive Director of El Centro Hispano;

i) KenDrell Collins, Assistant Federal Public Defender;

j) Bob McMahan, Arkansas Office of Prosecutor Coordinator;

k) Jimmy Warren, Citizen Activist, Conway;

l) Emma Davis, Citizen Activist, Van Buren;

m) Tim Campbell, Citizen Activist, Little Rock;

a) Lasla Holloway, Citizen Activist, Van Buren;

b) Mike Reynolds, Fayetteville Chief of Police;

c) Steve Shults, Director of Law Enforcement Training Academy;

q) Kandy Shores, Arkansas Department of Corrections – Emergency Preparedness;

r) Shawn Garner, Lieutenant Colonel, Arkansas State Police;
s) Coty Williams, Sergeant, Arkansas State Police;
t) Allen Hambly, Sergeant, Little Rock Police Department;
u) Damiel Martinez, Business Owner, De Queen;
v) Marty Boyd, Sheriff of Craighead County;
w) Ty Junia Clark, Arkansas Department of Community Corrections —
Training Administrator;
x) Geovanny Sarmiento, Rogers Chamber of Commerce — Vice President of
Community Engagement;
y) Mike Knoedl, Retired Law Enforcement Officer;
z) Additional citizens as the Governor deems necessary.

(3) The members of the task force shall have the following duties:

a) Review the adequacy of law enforcement training, policy, and operations,
specifically related to cultural, racial, and community relations;
b) Study and analyze the processes for accountability, discipline, removal, and
decertification of officers who do not meet standards, including an
evaluation for the creation and implementation of a statewide, public
database of complaints and resolutions concerning law enforcement
officers;
c) Study and analyze the effectiveness and sustainability of community
policing efforts, including the impact of law enforcement officers living in
the communities in which they are policing;
d) Study and analyze the standards, requirements, and obstacles for
recruitment, hiring, and retention of law enforcement officers, including a
review of resiliency programs, educational opportunities, and
compensation and benefit packages available to law enforcement officers;
e) Make recommendations to the Governor on enhancing trust between law
enforcement and communities;
f) Make recommendations to the Governor on improvements or changes
needed to enhance the profession of law enforcement to ensure compliance
with standards;
g) Consider assigning subcommittees with directions to consider the topics
outlined above and report back to the task force with recommendations to
be considered;
h) Submit a final report of the task force’s findings and recommendations to
the Governor no later than December 31, 2020;
i) The work of the task force shall be concluded upon submission of the final
report.

(4) Upon request, the Arkansas Department of Public Safety may provide staff and
other personnel to support the work of the task force.

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

[Signature]
Asa Hutchinson, Governor