TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: An outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has spread throughout the world, resulting in a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS: On March 11, 2020, by Executive Order 20-03, an emergency was declared in the state as a result of COVID-19, and that emergency is on-going; and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 continues to spread throughout the United States and Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Necessary measures taken in an attempt to limit the spread of COVID-19 brought great hardship to bear upon commerce in the state and caused a significant interruption to the employment of many Arkansas citizens; and

WHEREAS: There is an urgent need at this time to provide assistance to Arkansas citizens in need as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Community Foundation has agreed to administer a fund to receive the private donations of corporations and individuals, given for the purpose of assisting the citizens of Arkansas impacted by this virus; and

WHEREAS: The fund shall be known as COVID-19 Relief Fund, and shall exist for the sole purpose of assisting Arkansas citizens in need as a result of COVID-19;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas do hereby proclaim the following:

1. The Arkansas Community Foundation shall serve as the administrator of the COVID-19 Relief Fund, to collect donations from private citizens and corporations for the purpose of assisting Arkansas citizens during their time of need as a result of COVID-19.

2. The Arkansas Community Foundation is commended for answering the call to provide a necessary service for Arkansas citizens.

3. Individuals and corporations wishing to assist their fellow citizens during this time are encouraged to contribute to the COVID-19 Relief Fund.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 6th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2020.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor