

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

DR 21-09

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: On or about October 21, 2019, severe storms and flooding occurred, and continued thereafter, which caused great damage to private property and public facilities in various jurisdictions in 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;

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 amend proclamation DR 19-18 of November 12, 2019, to authorize funds from the Governor's Disaster Fund, under the Public Assistance Program, in the amount of \$300,000 to be used to provide supplemental disaster relief to Benton County. 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;

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, and all other state departments and agencies to render maximum assistance to the Arkansas Division 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year of our Lord 2021.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
John Thurston, Secretary of State