

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

**PROCLAMATION**

DR 15-18

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

*WHEREAS: Severe storms, tornadoes and flooding beginning May 8, 2015 and continuing, have caused great damage to private property and public facilities in Arkansas; and*

*WHEREAS: Adverse circumstances have been brought to bear upon political subdivisions affected by this situation; and*

*WHEREAS: The affected political subdivisions require supplemental assistance from the State;*

*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 declare Franklin, Garland, Howard, Izard, Johnson, Montgomery, Newton, Pike, Pope and Searcy Counties disaster areas.*

*FURTHERMORE, I hereby invoke emergency executive powers vested in me under 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 Department of Emergency Management relative to any potential impediment to the rapid and orderly provision 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 11th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2015.*



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State