STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

DR 17-17

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes that began April 26, 2017, and continuing, 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 17-12 to include Mississippi and Poinsett County as disaster areas;

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 the 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 rendering of assistance to these 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 12th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2017.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State