

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

**PROCLAMATION**

DR 17-21

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Impact from the landfall of Hurricane Harvey, beginning August 25, 2017, and continuing, caused emergency situations in affected, surrounding states and is anticipated to create 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: Assistance from the state is being provided to affected, surrounding states; 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 declare that a state of emergency exists for the State of Arkansas;

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 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2017.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
Mark Martin, Secretary Of State