

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

**PROCLAMATION**

DR 20-16

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Severe storms and straight-line winds resulting from Hurricane Laura are expected to limit commercial vehicles from accomplishing their designated responsibilities of hauling transformers, necessary hardware, and other distribution equipment to line crews for the purposes of restoring power to the citizens of the State of Arkansas following these storms; and

WHEREAS: Great hardship is expected to fall upon businesses, citizens, and their public and private property within the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: In anticipation of these storms, a state of emergency was declared by Executive Order 20-46 on August 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS: 49 C.F.R. § 390.23 authorizes the Governor of a State or Commonwealth to declare a regional emergency during the duration of the emergency conditions, not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the initial declaration of emergency, and to exempt any motor carrier or driver operating a commercial motor vehicle to provide assistance in providing emergency relief during an emergency from 49 C.F.R. § 390 to 49 C.F.R. § 399.

NOW THEREFORE, I ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, acting under the authority vested in me under Act 511 of 1973, as amended, do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in the State of Arkansas, as applied to commercial vehicles hauling heavy equipment, oversized loads, transformers, necessary hardware, and other transmission and distribution equipment to line crews for the purpose of restoring power to the citizens of the State, and said state of emergency, as well as the provisions of this Proclamation, shall exist and be in effect until such time as emergency conditions cease to exist.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2020.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson, Governor