TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

EXECUTIVE ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDING FROM THE GOVERNOR’S DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY FUND AS AUTHORIZED BY ARK. CODE ANN. §§ 12-75-114, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS: On March 1, 2023, severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding began and continued with such severity that it warrants this executive action to alleviate hardship and suffering in the State of Arkansas;

WHEREAS: Great hardship has fallen upon the citizens and public property within the State of Arkansas;

WHEREAS: Adverse circumstances have been brought to bear upon the citizens and public properties within the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: As a result of these severe storms and adverse circumstances, political subdivisions throughout Arkansas require supplemental assistance from the State to recover from these losses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, and pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated section 12-75-101, et seq., do hereby declare a state of emergency and direct the sum of $250,000.00 to be obligated from the Governor’s Disaster Response and Recovery Fund to be used at the discretion of the Director of the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management to defray both program and administrative costs.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 3rd day of March, in the year of our Lord, 2023.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor

John Thurston, Secretary of State