STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS: EO 20-17

EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE GOVERNOR'S MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR POST-PEAK COVID-19 RESPONSE

WHEREAS: An outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has spread throughout the world resulting in a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS: On March 11, 2020, by Executive Order 20-03, an emergency was declared in the state as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: In response to COVID-19, significant targeted measures have been taken by Executive Order and Directives by the Secretary of Health to limit person-to-person contact, restrict gatherings, limit travel into the state, and suspend businesses that require significant person-to-person interaction; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of the state and its citizens to ensure that a medically sound and data-driven approach is used to rescind those preventative measures that have been placed on the state and its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby order the following:

(1) There is hereby created the Governor's Medical Advisory Committee for Post-Peak COVID-19 Response, which shall serve as an investigative and advisory body of the Governor.

(2) The committee shall be composed of members appointed by the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Secretary of the Department of Health shall serve as the chairman of the committee. The committee shall be composed of the following individuals, or his or her designee:

(a) Dr. Nathaniel Smith, Secretary of the Arkansas Department of Health;
(b) Dr. Jose Romero, Arkansas Department of Health, Chief Medical Officer and Chief of Pediatric Infectious Disease at UAMS/Arkansas Children's Hospital;
(c) Dr. Naveen Patil, Arkansas Department of Health, Medical Director for Infectious Diseases;
(d) Dr. Jennifer Dillaha, Arkansas Department of Health, State Epidemiologist;
(e) Dr. Austin Porter, Arkansas Department of Health, Chief Science Officer and Assistant Professor at the UAMS College of Public Health;
(f) Dr. Greg Bledsoe, Surgeon General of Arkansas;
(g) Dr. Jerrilyn Jones, Arkansas Department of Health, Medical Director for Preparedness and Response and Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at UAMS;
(h) Dr. Sam Greenfield, Arkansas Department of Health, Medical Director for Family Health and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at UAMS;

(3) The committee shall identify the criteria for determining public health strategy after Arkansas reaches the peak of COVID-19 cases. The committee will examine testing capabilities and social distancing protocols and make any recommendations necessary to avoid a resurgence of COVID-19.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed the 13th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2020.

GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

Asa Hutchinson, Governor