STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS: EO 20-11

EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT STEERING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS: President Donald J. Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act into law on March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS: The CARES Act includes One Hundred Fifty Billion Dollars in relief for states to mitigate COVID-19 related costs in calendar year 2020; and

WHEREAS: The CARES Act includes provisions that allow for disbursements through various programs operated by state agencies; and

WHEREAS: The CARES Act includes provisions to provide relief to the citizens and businesses of this state impacted by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of the state and its citizens to identify best practices and procedures for ensuring that the State of Arkansas, its citizens, and businesses realize the maximum relief and benefits available under the CARES Act;

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 Arkansas Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Steering Committee (Arkansas CARES Act Steering Committee), which shall serve as an investigative and advisory body of the Governor.

(2) The steering committee shall be composed of members appointed by the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The chair of the committee shall be designated by the Governor. The committee shall be composed of the following individuals, or his or her designee:

a) Larry Walther, Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration;
b) Mike Preston, Secretary of Commerce;
c) Dr. Nate Smith, Secretary of Health;
d) Cindy Gillespie, Secretary of the Department of Human Services;
e) Amy Fecher, Secretary of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services;
f) Jami Cook, Secretary of the Department of Public Safety;
g) Elizabeth Smith, Secretary of the Department of Inspector General;
h) Johnny Key, Secretary of the Department of Education;
i) Bill Gossage, Governor's Office Representative;
j) Senator Missy Irvin;
k) Senator David Wallace;
l) Senator Will Bond;
m) Representative Lane Jean;
n) Representative Michelle Gray;
o) Representative Fred Allen;

(3) The members of the steering committee shall have the following duties:

a) Study and analyze the relief available to the State of Arkansas, its citizens, and businesses under the CARES Act.

b) Identify and prioritize the needs of the State of Arkansas, its citizens, and business for the application of available relief.
c) Identify the most efficient practices and procedures to obtain and apply available relief.
d) Make recommendations to the Governor on best uses of the CARES Act funding.

(4) Upon request, the Department of Finance and Administration may provide staff and other personnel to support the work of the steering committee.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed the 30th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2020.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor