STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

EO 20-28

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE GOVERNOR'S COVID-19 TECHNICAL ADVISORY BOARD

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 extended on May 5, 2020, by Executive Order 20-25; 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 the spread of COVID-19 in Arkansas and develop a strategy to mitigate the damages of the virus in the future; and

WHEREAS: On April 13, 2020, the Governor's Medical Advisory Committee for Post-Peak COVID-19 Response was created by Executive Order 20-17 to identify criteria for determining public health strategy for the management of COVID-19 cases; and

WHEREAS: On April 18, 2020, the Governor's Economic Recovery Task Force was created by Executive Order 20-20 to make recommendations necessary to assist with the easing of COVID-19 mitigation measures and the restoration of the Arkansas economy; and

WHEREAS: On April 21, 2020, the Governor's COVID-19 Testing Advisory Group was created by Executive Order 20-21 to develop a strategy and to make recommendations necessary to maintain adequate testing capabilities and conduct surveillance testing across the state; and

WHEREAS: Public health strategy for moving forward with COVID-19 mitigation and testing should include the utilization of technology to direct testing strategies and contact tracing within the state;

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 COVID-19 Technical Advisory Board, which shall serve as an investigative and advisory body of the Governor.

(2) The advisory board shall be composed of members appointed by the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Dr. Austin Porter, III shall serve as the chairman of the advisory board. The advisory board shall be composed of the following individuals, or his or her designee, and any additional members as deemed necessary by the Governor:

a) Dr. Austin Porter, III, Deputy Chief Science Officer, Arkansas Department of Health;
b) Nolan Leatherwood, Interim Chief Information Security Officer, Arkansas Department of Information Systems;
c) Donald McCormick, Epidemiologist, Arkansas Department of Health;
d) Jim Carter, Chief Information Officer, Arkansas Department of Health;
e) Adita Karkera, Deputy State Chief Data Officer, Arkansas Department of Information Systems;

f) Dr. Michael Cima, Chief Epidemiologist and Associate Director for Science, Arkansas Department of Health;
g) Dr. Mandana Rezaeiahari, Assistant Professor of Health Policy and Management, Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;
h) Dr. Kevin Sexton, Co-Director of Healthcare Analytics, Institute of Digital Health and Innovation; Associate Chief Clinical Informatics Officer for Innovation, Research, and Entrepreneurship; Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, Biomedical Informatics and Health Policy Management, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;
i) Jennifer Davis, Chief Privacy Officer, Arkansas Department of Information Systems;
j) Anne Santifer, Director, Office of Health Information Technology, Arkansas Department of Health;
k) Kim Gardner, Arkansas Department of Human Services;
l) Clark Cogbill, Arkansas Economic Development Commission, Department of Commerce;

(3) The advisory board shall review and evaluate new technologies to assist the state with testing strategies and contact tracing. The advisory board shall make any recommendations necessary to enhance the state's technology infrastructure for the management 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 26th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2020.

GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

Asa Hutchinson, Governor