STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

EO 20-20

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE GOVERNOR'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASK FORCE

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: These necessary targeted measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 have negatively impacted the economy and workforce of the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of the state and its citizens to ensure that the state develops and follows a comprehensive plan for a controlled economic recovery effort from the effects of COVID-19;

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 Economic Recovery Task Force, which shall serve as an investigative and advisory body of the Governor.

(2) The task force shall be composed of members appointed by the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The task force shall be composed of the following individuals, or his or her designee, and any additional members as deemed necessary by the Governor:

a) Wes Ward, Department of Agriculture;
b) Mike Preston, Department of Commerce;
c) Stacy Hurst, Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism;
d) Ted Thomas, Public Service Commission;
e) Steuart Walton, Runway Group;
f) Randy Zook, Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce ;
g) Sylvester Smith, National Federation of Independent Business;
h) Joey Dean, Associated General Contractors of Arkansas;
i) Annemarie Jazic, Dillard's Inc.
j) Charlie Spakes, Arkansas Grocers and Retail Merchants Association;
k) Montine McNulty, Arkansas Hospitality Association;
l) Kelly Eichler, Indoor Recreational Facilities;
m) Deke Whitbeck, Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation;
n) Lance Taylor, Arkansas Activities Association;
o) Hunter Yurachek, University of Arkansas;
p) Shannon Newton, Arkansas Trucking Association;
q) Charles Frazier, Rock Region METRO;
r) Lorrie Trogden, Arkansas Bankers Association;

s) Dr. Sonny Tucker, Arkansas Southern Baptist Convention;
t) Bishop Gary Mueller, Arkansas Conference of United Methodists;
u) Bishop Michael Mitchell, African Methodist Episcopal Church 12th District;
v) Dr. Richard Abernathy, Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators;
w) Andy Goodman, Arkansas Independent Colleges and Universities;
x) Andrea Henderson, Arkansas Association of Community Colleges;
y) Dr. Chuck Welch, Arkansas State University System;
z) David Wroten, Arkansas Medical Society;
aa) Bo Ryall, Arkansas Hospital Association;

(3) The task force shall develop a strategy for the economic recovery effort from the effects of COVID-19. The task force will examine the impact and recovery needs across the spectrum of businesses and industries in the state and make any recommendations necessary to assist with the easing of COVID-19 mitigation measures and the restoration of the Arkansas economy.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed the 18th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2020.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor