

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: An extraordinary occasion has arisen making it necessary to convene the 92nd General Assembly into extraordinary session; and

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 that emergency is on-going; and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 continues to spread throughout the United States and Arkansas bringing great hardship to bear upon the citizens of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Necessary measures taken in an attempt to limit the spread of COVID-19 have brought great hardship to bear upon commerce in the state, impacting the revenue of the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: On March 21, 2020, the United States Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced the federal income tax filing due date is extended from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020, and tax payers may also defer federal income tax payments due on April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020, without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. As a result, Arkansas extended its tax deadline for individual income tax filings and payments to be consistent with this date, further impacting revenue; and

WHEREAS: There is an urgent need for the State of Arkansas to make budgetary adjustments to respond to the impact of this emergency;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by Article 6, Section 19 of the Arkansas Constitution, do hereby call an Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly to convene in Little Rock on March 26, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., and I do hereby specify that the General Assembly is convened in such Session to consider, and, if so advised, enact laws for the following purposes:

1. To create the COVID-19 Rainy Day Fund; to transfer funds to the COVID-19 Rainy Day Fund; and to Declare an Emergency;
2. To confirm gubernatorial appointees as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 10-2-113; and
3. To provide for the payment of expenses and per diem of the House of Representatives and the Senate for this Extraordinary Session.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 24th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2020.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor