

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

DR 23-08

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: On or about June 25, 2023, severe storms and straight-line winds occurred, causing great damage to private property and public facilities in various jurisdictions across the State of Arkansas;

WHEREAS: Adverse circumstances have been brought to bear upon citizens and public properties throughout the state; and

WHEREAS: These political subdivisions require supplemental assistance from the State to recover from these losses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, and pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 12-75-101, *et seq.*, do hereby declare Arkansas, Faulkner, Lonoke, Poinsett, Pope, and Pulaski Counties as disaster areas;

FURTHERMORE, I hereby invoke emergency executive powers vested in me by Ark. Code Ann. §§ 12-75-101, *et seq.*, as amended, and suspend the provisions of regulating statutes prescribing procedures for conduct of the Office of Procurement, the Division of Building Authority, the Office of Personnel Management, and all other state departments and agencies to render maximum assistance to the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management relative to any potential impediment to the rapid and orderly rendering of assistance to these political subdivisions.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the year of our Lord 2023.



Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor