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**WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
DISASTER EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus presents a real threat to the citizens of Washington County; and,

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump has declared a national emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Asa Hutchinson has recently declared a public health emergency for the State of Arkansas; and,

WHEREAS, given the rising number of presumptive positive cases in the State of Arkansas along with the Governor's mandatory closure of public schools state wide, this disaster directly affect the citizens and employees of Washington County; and,

WHEREAS, emergency services in Washington County are in need of additional Persona Protective Equipment (PPE); and,

WHEREAS, Washington County officials are not able to protect themselves and safely care for the public without proper PPE and Washington County is now requesting assistance with the acquisition of needed PPE from the State of Arkansas.

WHEREAS, I, Joseph K. Wood, County Judge of Washington County, do find that the aforementioned conditions constitute a threat to the safety and welfare of the citizens of Washington County, thus, creating an emergency disaster situation within the meaning of A.C.A. §12-75-103, et. seq.; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, under the powers vested in me under Section 13 of the Arkansas Emergency Services Act (Act 511 of 1973) as amended, I, Joseph K.

Wood, County Judge, do hereby declare Washington County to be a disaster area, entitled to aid relief, and assistance, and do hereby direct the implementation of the County Emergency Operations Plan.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and seal to this instrument this 16th day of March, 2020 at the Washington County Courthouse in Fayetteville. This proclamation shall expire after one hundred twenty (120) days, unless otherwise extended by me.



JOSEPH K. WOOD,
Washington County Judge

Recorded by:



BECKY LEWALLEN,
Washington County Clerk