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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO TERMINATE THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND DISASTER EMERGENCY
AND DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AS A
DISASTER AREA UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-37 AND
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WHEREAS, in Executive Order 20-03, issued on March 11, 2020, Governor Asa Hutchinson declared an emergency in the State of Arkansas in response to an outbreak of coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-37, issued on June 18, 2020, terminated the emergency declared under Executive Order 20-03 and declared anew the public health and disaster emergency and declaration of the State of Arkansas as a disaster area; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-45, issued on August 14, 2020, renewed the emergency declared under Executive Order 20-37 for an additional sixty (60) days; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-48, issued on October 13, 2020, again



renewed the emergency declared by Executive Order 20-37 for sixty (60) additional days; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-51, issued on December 11, 2020, renewed the emergency previously renewed by Executive Orders 20-45 and 20-48 for an additional twenty (20) days until December 31, 2020, unless the emergency is renewed in whole or in part by a subsequent executive order; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code § 12-75-107(c)(1) provides that the General Assembly by concurrent resolution may terminate a state of disaster emergency at any time,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the General Assembly hereby terminates the public health and disaster emergency and declaration of the State of Arkansas as a disaster area under Executive Order 20-37 and renewed by Executive Order 20-51.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the termination of the public health and disaster emergency and declaration of the State of Arkansas as a disaster area under Executive Order 20-37 and Executive Order 20-51 shall terminate all executive orders issued in response to the emergency renewed under Executive Order 20-51, including without limitation:

- (1) Executive Order 20-05, regarding telehealth;
- (2) Executive Order 20-06, extended by Executive Order 20-16, regarding the suspension of rules and statutes by state agencies;
- (3) Executive Order 20-14, regarding the suspension of in-person witnessing and notarization of legal documents;
- (4) Executive Order 20-15, regarding suspension of prohibitions for banks and corporations to hold shareholder meetings solely or partially by remote communication;
- (5) Executive Order 20-18 and Executive Order 20-34, regarding access to healthcare resources;
- (6) Executive Order 20-22 and Executive Order 20-35, regarding

Workers' Compensation protections;

(7) Executive Order 20-33, regarding the protection of businesses from liability related to coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19); and

(8) Executive Order 20-43, regarding the issuance of a face covering directive by the Department of Health.