

1 State of Arkansas  
2 93rd General Assembly  
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6 By: Senator D. Sullivan

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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 TO TERMINATE THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND DISASTER EMERGENCY  
10 AND DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AS A  
11 DISASTER AREA UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-37 AND  
12 EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-51.

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15 **Subtitle**

16 TO TERMINATE THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
17 DISASTER EMERGENCY AND DECLARATION OF THE  
18 STATE OF ARKANSAS AS A DISASTER AREA  
19 UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-37 AND EXECUTIVE  
20 ORDER 20-51.

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23 WHEREAS, in Executive Order 20-03, issued on March 11, 2020, Governor  
24 Asa Hutchinson declared an emergency in the State of Arkansas in response to  
25 an outbreak of coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19); and

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

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

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



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

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

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

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13 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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

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

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

1 Workers' Compensation protections;

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

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

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