

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

DR 12-21

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: An unrelentingly severe drought, beginning April 1, 2012, and continuing, has caused navigational difficulties on the Mississippi River, hampering the ability of farmers to transport harvested crops (specifically corn, rice, soybeans, and grain sorghum) to their destination (e.g., ports, gins, mills, etc.); and

WHEREAS: Farmers must haul their crops farther due to the navigational difficulties caused by the drought; and

WHEREAS: The economic vitality of the agriculture industry in Arkansas is extremely dependent on the expeditious transportation of crops to their destination; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 12-75-114, the Governor may suspend the provisions of any regulatory statutes prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, Governor of the State of Arkansas, acting under the authority vested in me by law, do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in the State of Arkansas and said state of emergency and the provisions of this proclamation and proclamation DR 12-19, dated August 3, 2012, shall exist and be in effect for thirty (30) days from today's date, August 28, 2012; and

FURTHERMORE, I hereby authorize the issuance of special permits to transport agricultural products (specifically corn, rice, soybeans, and grain sorghum) on controlled access highways to their destination (e.g., ports, gins, mills, etc.) provided that the load does not exceed 85,000 pounds.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 28th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2012.



Handwritten signature of Mike Beebe in blue ink.

MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Mark Martin in blue ink.

MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE