

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

DR 12-19

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: An unrelentingly severe drought, beginning April 1, 2012, and continuing, has caused a shortage of hay, creating a dire need for oversize loads of hay to be expeditiously moved through Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: The economic vitality of the agriculture industry is extremely dependent on the availability of hay for feed; 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 shall exist and be in effect for thirty (30) days;

FURTHERMORE, I hereby authorize the issuance of special permits to transport round bales of hay on controlled highways provided that the load does not exceed twelve feet (12) in width.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 3rd day of August, in the Year of our Lord 2012.



MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR

MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE