

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

EO 07-05

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ESTABLISH AN ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BY ORDERING THE SEPARATION OF THE DIVISION OF HEALTH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, PURSUANT TO ACT 384 OF 2007

WHEREAS: Act 1954 of 2005 merged the Arkansas Department of Health and the Arkansas Department of Human Services, creating the Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS: Section 1(a) of Act 384 of 2007 authorizes the Governor to establish an Arkansas Department of Health by ordering the separation of the Division of Health of the Department of Health and Human Services from the Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS: Sections 1 and 8 of Act 384 authorize the Governor to establish a separate Arkansas Department of Human Services; and

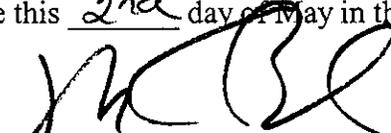
WHEREAS: Based on careful review and consideration, the people of the State of Arkansas would be better served by the establishment of a separate Arkansas Department of Health and a separate Arkansas Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS: In Act 384 of 2007, the General Assembly declared an emergency, finding that many services delivered by the various divisions, offices, and units of the Department of Health and Human Services are essential to the public health, safety, and welfare; that the state fiscal year begins July 1; and that beginning the process of decoupling the Division of Health of the Department of Health and Human Services from the Department of Health and Human Services during a fiscal year will cause disruptions of services and unnecessary time, effort, and expense in reallocating appropriations, budgets, personnel, equipment, and capital expenditures during a fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, Governor of the State of Arkansas, acting under the authority vested in me by Act 384 of 2007, do hereby order the following:

- Section 1. Effective July 1, 2007, a separate Department of Health and a separate Department of Human Services, authorized by Act 384 of 2007, are hereby established.
- Section 2. Effective July 1, 2007, all personnel, powers, duties, functions, fund balances, and all other matters enumerated in §§ 2(a)(1)-(3) and 2(b) of Act 384 of 2007, shall be transferred to the Arkansas Department of Health.
- Section 3. The Department of Human Services shall provide the Department of Health with access to such records relating to the Division of Health as the Department of Human Services must retain for audit purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be this 2nd day of May in the Year of our Lord, 2007.


MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR


CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE

