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**Tax-Filing Deadline Extended for State Taxpayers**

*Additional time given to those in weather-damaged areas*

Arkansans who live or own businesses in flood-stricken counties will have additional time to meet state tax obligations under a directive issued by Arkansas Chief Fiscal Officer Larry Walther on Tuesday.

“Our state was hit pretty hard in late April, and a lot of folks suffered as a result,” Director Walther said. “This decision will give them more time to meet their tax obligations to the state and let them worry about the more immediate needs of repairing and replacing what was lost.”

The extended deadlines apply to taxpayers in Benton, Boone, Carroll, Clay, Faulkner, Fulton, Jackson, Lawrence, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, Washington, and Yell Counties. Under the directive, tax filings due on or after April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017, will now be due Aug. 31, 2017. The IRS has extended similar deadlines for the filing of federal taxes in the affected counties.

The filing deadline extension comes after a string of bad weather across much of the state in late April. Those storms, which caused flooding, tornadoes and straight-line winds, led Governor Asa Hutchinson to declare portions of the state a disaster area. Under Arkansas law, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State can grant an extension on payment of taxes for “good cause,” including federal disaster declarations.