



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 104 JBE 2017

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**STATE OF EMERGENCY – TROPICAL STORM HARVEY**

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**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the Governor of the State of Louisiana emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or manmade causes, in order to ensure that preparations of this State will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of Louisiana;

**WHEREAS,** when the Governor determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, La. R.S. 29:724(B)(1) empowers the Governor to declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation, or both;

**WHEREAS,** Tropical Storm Harvey and is predicted soon to reach hurricane strength and to drop 10 to 15 inches of rain, with locally higher amounts of 20 inches possible in southwest Louisiana, and 7 to 10 inches of rain, with locally higher amounts of 15 inches, possible for central Louisiana and south central Louisiana, which could result in significant flooding across the regions, as well risk of storm surge; and

**WHEREAS,** Calcasieu and Cameron parishes have declared and several other parishes are in the process of declaring states of emergency in order to assist residents in areas that may be impacted by the severe weather.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1:** Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721 *et seq.*, a state of emergency is hereby declared to exist statewide as the threat of a disaster is imminent and said severe weather is a threat to the lives and property of the citizens of the State.

**SECTION 2:** The Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is hereby authorized to undertake any activity authorized by law which he deems appropriate in response to this declaration.

**SECTION 3:** All departments, commissions, boards, agencies and officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions the State may take in response to the effects of this severe weather event.

**SECTION 4:** This order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect from Thursday, August 24, 2017 until Friday, September 22, 2017 unless terminated sooner.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at GOHSEP, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 24th day of August, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards", is written over a horizontal line.

**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**