

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION NO. 11 JBE 2016

STATE OF EMERGENCY – TROPICAL DISTURBANCE INVEST (AL-93)

- WHEREAS,** Proclamation No. 92 BJ 2011, issued on September 1, 2011, declared a state of emergency for the State of Louisiana due to Tropical Disturbance Invest (AL-93) potential to cause very high tides for coastal parishes, and flash floods in coastal and inland parishes that could cause flooding and damage to private property and public facilities and threaten the safety and security of the citizens of Louisiana;
- 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 him to declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation;
- WHEREAS,** Tropical Disturbance Invest (AL-93) strengthened and was upgraded to Tropical Storm Lee, and moved across the State through the Labor Day weekend, causing extremely heavy, prolonged rainfall and resulting in Flash Flood Watches being issued by the National Weather Service, very high tides for coastal parishes, and flash floods in coastal and inland parishes;
- WHEREAS,** the federal government has issued a Major Disaster Declaration pursuant to the Stafford Act due to the widespread damage of Tropical Disturbance Invest (AL-93);
- WHEREAS,** the State anticipates that further assistance may be needed to assist in response to the conditions created by this disaster;
- WHEREAS,** it is necessary to renew Proclamation No. 92 BJ 2011, as extended by subsequent proclamations, to further extend the state of emergency due to the continuation of disaster conditions as above indicated;

NOW THEREFORE I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and 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 declared

to continue to exist in the State of Louisiana as a result of emergency conditions created by TS Lee that threatened 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 necessary and appropriate in response to this declaration.

SECTION 3: The state of emergency extends for an additional thirty (30) days from Saturday, February 6, 2016 through Sunday, March 6, 2016, unless terminated sooner.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 5th day of February, 2016.

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GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**

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SECRETARY OF STATE