State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION NO. 21 JBE 2016

EXTENSION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY - DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 20 BJ 2010, issued April 29, 2010, declared a state of emergency for the State of Louisiana due to the predicted impact of oil along the Louisiana coast leaking from the Deepwater Horizon ("the Oil Spill");

WHEREAS, the amount of oil spilled constitutes the largest oil spill in American history and has precipitated the largest environmental disaster in American history;

WHEREAS, the Oil Spill has impacted, damaged, and continues to impact and damage the state's natural resources, including land, water, fish, wildlife, fowl and other biota, and likewise has impacted and continues to impact and threaten the livelihoods of Louisiana's citizens living along the coast, increasing the economic impact of this event;

WHEREAS, federal and state agencies continue to respond to the economic, environmental, and other consequences of the spill; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to renew Proclamation No. 20 BJ 2010, as extended by subsequent proclamations, to further extend the state of emergency due to the extreme damage caused by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and the continuing disaster and emergency conditions;

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 the impact of oil from the Deepwater Horizon along the Louisiana coast which created emergency conditions that continue to threaten the natural resources of the State and the economic livelihood and property of the citizens of the State.

SECTION 2: The Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, in coordination with the Oil Spill Coordinator, is hereby authorized to undertake any activity authorized by law which he deems necessary and appropriate in response to this declaration, to include any activities contemplated by the National or Area Contingency Plans.

SECTION 3: All other state agencies are hereby authorized to take any actions directed by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness in response to this emergency, to include providing direct support to the federal government and the Responsible Party.

SECTION 4: The state of emergency extends from Saturday, February 27, 2016 through Sunday, March 27, 2016, for an additional thirty (30) days, 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 26th day of February, 2016.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE