State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 44 JBE 2016

EXTENSION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY – HURRICANE ISAAC

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 92 BJ 2012, issued on August 26, 2012, declared a state of emergency for the State of Louisiana due to Tropical Storm Isaac's potential to cause severe storms, high winds, and torrential rain 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 Storm Isaac strengthened and developed into Hurricane Isaac, impacting the State of Louisiana over the course of several days, causing widespread damage, flooding, and loss of electrical power to over forty percent (40%) of utility customers in the State for an extended period of time;

WHEREAS, the federal government has issued an Emergency Declaration and Major Disaster Declaration pursuant to the Stafford Act due to the widespread damage of Hurricane Isaac;

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 2012, as extended by subsequent proclamations, to further extend the state of emergency due to the continuation of emergency 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 Hurricane Isaac, which continues to threaten 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 from Thursday, April 7, 2016 through Friday, May 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 7th day of April, 2016.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE