# State of Louisiana

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## PROCLAMATION NUMBER 96 JBE 2016

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### *EXTENSION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY - HURRICANE GUSTAV*

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**WHEREAS,** Proclamation No. 51 BJ 2008, issued on August 27, 2008, declared a state of emergency for the State of Louisiana due to Hurricane Gustav's potential to cause severe storms, hurricane force 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,** on September 1, 2008, Hurricane Gustav struck Louisiana resulting in severe damage and flooding to the State of Louisiana, which has threatened the safety, health, and security of the citizens of the State of Louisiana, along with private property and public facilities;

**WHEREAS,** the extreme damage caused by Hurricane Gustav and its aftermath continues to cause disaster and emergency conditions, as evidenced by the continued remediation of the environmental impacts of the disaster, such as dredging, and the activities for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, replacement, survey, planning, engineering or design of any coastal protection, coastal restoration, coastal conservation, hurricane protection, infrastructure, storm damage reduction, or flood control project, including but not limited to projects consistent with the comprehensive master coastal protection plan and under the authority of La. R.S. 49:214.1 *et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to renew Proclamation No. 51 BJ 2008, as extended by subsequent proclamations, to further extend the state of emergency due to 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 and disaster is declared to continue to exist in the State of Louisiana due to Hurricane Gustav and its aftermath, which resulted in severe storm damage and flooding to private property and public facilities and continues to threaten the safety, health, and security of the citizens of the State of Louisiana.

**SECTION 2:** This state of emergency and disaster shall only extend for the following situations:

A. The continued remediation of the environmental impacts of the disaster constituting the need for dredging and debris removal, such as pursuant to Executive Order No. BJ 2008-109; and

B. The activities necessary for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, replacement, survey, planning, engineering or design of any coastal protection, coastal restoration, coastal conservation, hurricane protection, infrastructure, storm damage reduction, or flood control project, including but not limited to projects consistent with the comprehensive master coastal protection plan and under the authority of R.S. 49:214.1 *et seq*.

**SECTION 3:** The state of emergency extends from Sunday, July 17, 2016 through Monday, August 15, 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 15th day of July, 2016.

**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY**
**THE GOVERNOR**

**SECRETARY OF STATE**