

# State of Louisiana



## Executive Department

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2016-60

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#### ***STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY REMOVAL OF CONTAMINATED MATERIALS AND TEMPORARY SHELTERING ASSSISANCE***

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- WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, a state of emergency was declared statewide in Proclamation No. 111 JBE 2016, which is currently in effect;
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana Revised Statute 29:766 authorizes the Governor to declare a state of public health emergency if he finds a public health emergency, as defined in La. R.S. 29:762, has occurred or the threat thereof is imminent;
- WHEREAS,** in Proclamation No. 116 JBE 2016, a public health emergency was declared in response to the historic flooding which inundated tens of thousands of homes in southern Louisiana;
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana Revised Statute 29:769 authorizes the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, in consultation with the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, to decontaminate or cause to be decontaminated, or destroy any material of which there is reasonable cause to believe that it may endanger the public health; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana Revised Statute 29:724 authorizes the Governor, in his statutory charge to meet the dangers to the state and people presented by emergencies or disasters, and in order to effectuate the provisions of this the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, to make provision for the availability and use of temporary emergency housing.

**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:** The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, in consultation with the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, is hereby authorized to develop and execute a program to decontaminate or cause to be decontaminated and destroy any material of which there is reasonable cause to believe that it may endanger the public health, and to remove any contaminated material or debris from any affected property. These materials shall include, but not be limited to, any water or mold damaged materials inside residences that sustained flood damage. This program shall also provide for mold remediation.
- SECTION 2:** This program will be developed for the express purpose of removing health hazards in residences so that the residences may be habitable during the permanent repair process, thus providing for temporary emergency housing, as

authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 29:724, in the following parishes: Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Vermilion, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana.

**SECTION 3:** The Division of Administration shall assist the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness in the development of this program and in management of the contract procurement.

**SECTION 4:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect, until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, in the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2016.

  
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**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR**

  
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**SECRETARY OF STATE**