



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 155 JBE 2019

***RENEWAL OF STATE OF EMERGENCY –
SEVERE WEATHER AND FLOODING***

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, or both;

WHEREAS, a line of storms moved into the state May 8-12, 2019, bringing with it high winds, heavy rainfall, local flooding, and tornadoes;

WHEREAS, multiple parishes reported road closures, localized flooding, power and water outages, downed trees, debris, and damage to numerous structures;

WHEREAS, numerous parishes declared states of emergency and recovery activities continues in several of the parishes that were affected by this storm event;

WHEREAS, Proclamation Number 73 JBE 2019, issued on May 10, 2019, declared a state of emergency for the State of Louisiana as a result of these severe storms; and

WHEREAS, due to the continuation of emergency conditions and recovery activity in the affected areas, it is necessary to renew 73 JBE 2019 to extend the state of emergency.

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: Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, Proclamation Number 73 JBE 2019, issued on May 10, 2019 is hereby renewed, and a state of emergency is hereby declared to exist in the State of Louisiana as a result of the imminent threat of emergency conditions that 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 (GOHSEP) is hereby authorized to undertake any activity authorized by law which he deems appropriate in response to the renewal and extension of this declaration.

SECTION 3: Pursuant to the La. R.S. 29:732, the prohibition against price gouging during this declared state of emergency is hereby renewed.

SECTION 4: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies and officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions the State may take in response to the effects of this severe weather event.

SECTION 5: This state of emergency extends from Sunday, October 6, 2019 to Monday, November 4, 2019, unless terminated sooner.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 4th day of October, 2019.


GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE**


SECRETARY OF STATE