State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 130 JBE 2021

RENEWAL OF STATE OF EMERGENCY – INVEST 92L TROPICAL STORM

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)(l) empowers him to declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation, or both;

WHEREAS, Invest 92L made landfall as Tropical Storm Claudette in the morning of June 19, 2021. Associated with this tropical storm, the National Weather Service indicated excessive rainfall, flash flooding, and isolated tornadoes across the lower southeastern portion of the State from early Friday, June 18, 2021, through Sunday, June 20, 2021;

WHEREAS, many parishes took emergency protective measures to help mitigate the potential effects of heavy rains and flooding, with five parishes issuing emergency declarations and many others conducted sandbagging operations. Recovery activities, such as pumping, continues in certain parishes of the State;

WHEREAS, this storm continues to pose a threat to citizens and communities in the Gulf Coast region and create conditions which place lives and property in the state in jeopardy.

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.,* 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 this declaration.

SECTION 3: Pursuant to La. R.S. 29:732, during a declared state of emergency, the prices charged or value received for goods and services sold within the designated emergency area may not exceed the prices ordinarily charged for comparable goods and services in the same market area at or immediately before the time of the state of emergency, unless the price by the seller is attributable to fluctuations in applicable commodity markets, fluctuations in applicable regional or national

market trends, or to reasonable expenses and charges and attendant business risk incurred in procuring or selling the goods or services during the state of emergency.

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 order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect from Saturday, July 17, 2021 to Sunday, August 15, 2021, 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 16th day of July, 2021.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SECRETARY OF STATE