WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, et seq., the Governor declared a public health emergency on March 11, 2020 in Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 in response to the threat posed by COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2021, the Governor renewed the public health emergency in Proclamation 131 JBE 2021 extending it until August 11, 2021;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana continues to experience a dramatic rise in the threat of COVID-19, most primarily associated with the Delta (B.1.617.2) variant;

WHEREAS, the State is unquestionably in its fourth surge at this time with a steep rise in COVID-like illnesses (CLI), cases, and hospitalizations, with hospitalizations reaching levels not seen since early February;

WHEREAS, as a result, the State has been officially designated by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as a “State of Concern”;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to aggressively confront this surge with a renewed push for vaccination efforts and more vigilance with mitigation measures to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, these measures are necessary to protect the health and safety of the people of Louisiana.

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 amend and replace Section 3 of 131 JBE 2021 and direct as follows:

SECTION 3: FACE COVERINGS

A) All individuals are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings when indoors and when unable to socially distance from others outside of one’s immediate family.

B) In accordance with the order issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on January 29, 2021, all individuals shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth while passengers and operators of public conveyances, including airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, buses, taxis, ride-shares, and the corresponding transportation hubs. The CDC order is found at https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/Mask-Order-CDC_GMTF_01-29-21-p.pdf.

C) All offices of the State of Louisiana are hereby authorized to set a face covering policy which may include a face covering mandate for employees, visitors, and other members of the public.
COOPERATOR OF LOUISIANA

July 3, 2021

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand

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establishments, activities, and functions. In local governmental buildings and private business establishments, any individual engaging in or attending the establishment shall assume the responsibility to wear a face covering. In public places, any individual shall assume the responsibility to wear a face covering. Any individual shall assume the responsibility to wear a face covering in indoor spaces where the wearing of a face covering is required by state law or regulation. All local governmental agencies, public schools, and institutions of higher education are encouraged to adopt policies requiring the wearing of face coverings in their facilities. All individuals shall comply with these requirements. Any violation of this order shall be enforced by the appropriate governmental entities. All individuals shall comply with these requirements. Any violation of this order shall be enforced by the appropriate governmental entities.

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