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 that are manmade, in order to ensure that preparations of the 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, late last week, the Bossier Parish Police Jury and Sheriff’s Office were working to make revisions and repairs to a main potable water line serving the Bossier Parish Minimum Security Facility, also known as the Bossier Parish Corrections Facilities, in Plain Dealing;

WHEREAS, the potable water repair caused another major break that is pulling on the Consolidated Bossier Water System covering a portion of the city of Plain Dealing and the Bossier Parish Minimum Security Facility resulting in a portion of Plain Dealing and the facility have no potable water at this time;

WHEREAS, a local rural fire district is on scene with a tanker of non-potable water for firefighting requirements; however there still remains an immediate need for potable water;

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Police Jury and Sheriff’s Office request potable drinking water be supplied to the Bossier Parish Minimum Correction Facility;

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) may need to contract for potable water to be available for the facility and other areas without water;

WHEREAS, in addition, the Louisiana National Guard has potable water assets warehoused at Camp Minden that may be necessary for use; and

WHEREAS, Bossier Parish has declared a state of emergency and will need assistance from the state in their response to this developing threat.

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 Bossier Parish 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 that he deems appropriate in response to this declaration.

SECTION 3: Pursuant to the 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: Pursuant to La. R.S. 29:724(D)(1), the Louisiana Procurement Code (La. R.S. 39:1551, et seq.) and Louisiana Public Bid Law (La. R.S. 38:2211, et seq.) and their corresponding rules and regulations are hereby suspended for the purpose of the procurement of any good or services necessary to respond to this emergency, including emergency contracts, cooperative endeavor agreements, and any other emergency amendments to existing contracts.

SECTION 5: 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 6: This order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect from Sunday, June 26, 2022 to Monday, July 25, 2022, 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 27th day of June, 2022.

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GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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SECRETARY OF STATE