



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 53 JBE 2023

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***RENEWAL OF STATE OF EMERGENCY - HEAVY RAIN AND FLOODING***

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- WHEREAS,** Proclamation Number 111 JBE 2016, issued on August 12, 2016, declared a state of emergency for the State of Louisiana due to the heavy rain and flooding, which continues to threaten the safety and security of the citizens of Louisiana;
- WHEREAS,** during this emergency declaration, areas of the state received tremendous amounts of rainfall, causing rivers to rise rapidly and significant localized flooding;
- WHEREAS,** the flooding creates conditions which place lives and property in the State of Louisiana in jeopardy;
- 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) and La. R.S. 29:766(B) empower the Governor to declare a state of emergency;
- WHEREAS,** the federal government has issued an Emergency Declaration and Major Disaster Declaration pursuant to the Stafford Act due to the widespread damage caused by the flooding; and
- WHEREAS,** it is necessary to renew 111 JBE 2016 and 116 JBE 2016 to extend the state of emergency due to the continuation of emergency conditions.

**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 declared to continue to exist statewide as a result of this event, the effects of which continue to threaten the lives and property of the citizens of the State.
- SECTION 2:** Pursuant to La. R.S. 29:732(b), the prohibition on price gouging is hereby extended for an additional 30 days.

**SECTION 3:** The Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is hereby authorized to undertake any activity authorized by law which he deems appropriate in response to this declaration.

**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 Friday, April 7, 2023 to Saturday, May 6, 2023, 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Keith Moore", is written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE