State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 163 JBE 2016

STATE OF EMERGENCY AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY - HEAVY RAIN AND FLOODING

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 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, Proclamation No. 116 JBE 2016, issued August 22, 2016, declared a state of public health emergency for the following parishes affected by the historic flooding: Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Vermilion, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana, due to public health concerns related to the flooding, including development of mold in structures as a result of water inundation;

WHEREAS, during this emergency, some 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.*, and the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act, La. R.S. 29:760 *et seq.*, confer 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, and to ensure the State has the ability to respond, rapidly and effectively, to potential or actual public health emergencies;

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 and a state of public health emergency by executive order or proclamation, or both;

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 the Louisiana Homeland Security Act and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721 *et seq.*, and the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act, La. R.S. 29:760 *et seq.*, and more specifically, La. R.S. 29:766, a state of public health emergency is hereby declared to continue to exist for the following parishes affected by the historic flooding: Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Vermilion, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana.

SECTION 3: Pursuant to La. R.S. 29:732(b), the prohibition on price gouging is hereby extended for an additional 30 days.

SECTION 4: 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 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 Thursday, November 10, 2016 until Friday, December 9, 2016, unless terminated sooner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 9th day of November, 2016.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE