## Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness State of Louisiana

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JAMES B. WASKOM DIRECTOR

October 3, 2016

Mr. Gerard M. Stolar Federal Coordinating Officer Disaster Recovery Manager FEMA-4277-DR-LA 1500 Main Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: Extension of Application Deadline for Individual Assistance Grant Program and SBA Disaster Loan Program; FEMA-4277-DR-LA

Dear Mr. Stolar:

In a meeting on September 28, 2016, the Governor's Restore Louisiana Task Force expressed concern that because of the size and extent of the disaster and the number of households affected, not all individuals will have the opportunity to register with FEMA and the SBA for available recovery programs. The Task Force passed the attached resolution directing the State Coordinating Officer to request and extension of registration deadlines.

Therefore, the State of Louisiana is requesting a thirty (30) day extension of the registration period for the Individual Assistance Grant Program and the SBA Disaster Loan Program. The current registration deadline is October 13, 2016, and granting this request will extend the deadline to November 12, 2016.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mark Riley via telephone at 225-376-5493 or via email to <u>mark.riley@la.gov</u>.

Sincerely

Mark S. Riley State Coordinating Officer

## RESTORE LOUISIANA TASK FORCE RESOLUTION September 28, 2016

**Overview:** A resolution by the Restore Louisiana Task Force to request the State Coordinating Officer for Louisiana's August Flood event (DR-4277) to submit an immediate request to the Federal Coordinating Officer for extension of disaster application deadlines.

## RESOLUTION

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RESTORE LOUISIANA TASK FORCE:

WHEREAS, the Restore Louisiana Task Force requests that the State Coordinating Officer at the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness immediately submit a request to the Federal Coordinating Officer for an extension of the disaster application deadlines currently in place for recovery programs from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the United States Small Business Administration.

WHEREAS, the application deadline for the Individual Assistance Grant Program and the Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan Program is presently October 13, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RESTORE LOUISIANA TASK FORCE:

(A) that the State Coordinating Officer shall request of the Federal Coordinating Officer an extension of the application deadlines for the Individual Assistance Grant Program and the SBA Disaster Loan Program for 30 days beyond the current October 13, 2016 deadline;

(B) that extension of said deadlines will give impacted citizens more time to plan and prepare for their recovery needs, as this is the fourth largest disaster this nation has documented.

PASSED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE RESTORE LOUISIANA TASK FORCE on this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

APPROVED

Jimmy Durbin, Co-Chair

Jacqui Vines Wyatt, Co-Ohain