



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 105 JBE 2017**

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***STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY***

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**WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, the Governor declared a state of emergency for the entire state in Proclamation Number 104 JBE 2017, which is currently in effect;

**WHEREAS,** during this emergency, Tropical Storm Harvey made landfall in southwest Louisiana and traveled through central and north Louisiana, dropping unprecedented rainfall amounts that caused widespread flooding, as well as impacting the coastal parishes of Louisiana with storm surge;

**WHEREAS,** There is a necessity for emergency shelters, including medical special needs shelters, to be set up to accommodate those who cannot remain in their homes;

**WHEREAS,** this flooding is currently straining and is expected to continue to strain medical infrastructure throughout the state;

**WHEREAS,** such flooding is a public health threat to citizens and communities across Louisiana and creates conditions which place property in the State of Louisiana in jeopardy and poses a high probability of a large number of serious or long-term disabilities in the affected population;

**WHEREAS,** in homes and businesses that are flooded or otherwise affected by the floodwaters, mold can begin to grow within forty-eight hours from the time flooding first occurs;

**WHEREAS,** exposure to mold can lead to both immediate and potentially long-term health issues, and there is a need to remove mold before a home or business can be inhabited;

**WHEREAS,** standing water left after flood waters recede will leave an ideal breeding ground for mosquitos;

**WHEREAS,** mosquito-borne diseases, such as West Nile, Zika, and dengue fever, pose a danger to the State's population, particularly the elderly, pregnant women, and immune-compromised; and

**WHEREAS,** when the Governor, after consultation with the public health authority, determines that a public health emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, La. R.S. 29:766(A) empowers him to declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation.

**NOW THEREFORE I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and 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, and more specifically La. R.S. 29:724, 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 exist in the State of Louisiana as a result of Tropical Storm Harvey activity which has created emergency conditions that threaten the lives and health of the citizens of the state.


**SECTION 2:** This State of Public Health Emergency extends from Tuesday, August 29, 2017 through Friday, September 22, 2017, 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017.

  
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**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR**

  
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**SECRETARY OF STATE**