



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 135 JBE 2018

STATE OF EMERGENCY – TROPICAL STORM GORDON

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) empowers the Governor to declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation, or both;

WHEREAS, a Tropical Storm Warning is in effect along the Louisiana coast in response to Tropical Storm Gordon; and

WHEREAS, threats will include strong gusty winds, coastal flooding and heavy rainfall, with the main impacts occurring from Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday.

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 statewide as a result of Tropical Storm Gordon, the effects of which continue to 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 is hereby authorized to undertake any activity authorized by law which he deems appropriate in response to this declaration.

SECTION 3: 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 4: This order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect from Monday, September 3, 2018 until Wednesday, October 3, 2018, unless terminated sooner.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the GOHSEP, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 3rd day of September, 2018.



GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE**



SECRETARY OF STATE