



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 22 JBE 2018**

CITY OF TALLULAH

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, Madison Parish has declared a state of emergency due to freezing temperatures which caused burst water pipes in the parish water system;

WHEREAS, the City of Tallulah within Madison Parish has declared a state of emergency due to freezing temperatures which caused burst water pipes in the city water system; and

WHEREAS, the need to provide the residents of the City of Tallulah water has exceeded the capacity of the city and parish.

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 Health Emergency Powers Act, La. R.S. 29:760 *et seq.*, and more specifically, La. R.S. 29:724, a state of emergency is hereby declared to exist within the City of Tallulah in Madison Parish.

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 event.

SECTION 4:

This order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect from Sunday, February 4, 2018 until Monday, March 5, 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 Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 2nd day of February, 2018.



GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE**



SECRETARY OF STATE