

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT PROCLAMATION NUMBER 28 JBE 2018

STATE OF EMERGENCY – SEVERE WEATHER

- 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,** on February 21, 2018, a strong cold front moved into and across the state causing some areas of Louisiana to receive up to eight (8) inches of rain;
- WHEREAS,** the rainfall has caused localized street flooding and flash floods;
- WHEREAS,** the weather forecasts predict another heavy rainfall this afternoon and again tonight and rivers in Grant Parish are nearing their flood boundaries and low areas are already starting to flood; and
- WHEREAS,** the parish of Grant has declared an emergency.

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 Emergency Powers Act, La. R.S. 29:721 *et seq.*, and more specifically, La. R.S. 29:724, a state of emergency is hereby declared to exist for Grant 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 Thursday, February, 22 2018 until Friday, March 23, 2018, unless terminated sooner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 22nd day of February, 2018.


GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE


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