



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

PROCLAMATION No. 2 CLS 2024

STATE OF EMERGENCY - WINTER WEATHER

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721 et seq., confers upon the President of the Parish of Jefferson 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 the preparations of this parish will be adequate to respond to such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the Parish of Jefferson; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 29:727(D)(1) empowers the President of the Parish of Jefferson to declare a local disaster or emergency, which shall continue until the President finds that the threat of danger has been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist, but no state of emergency may continue for longer than thirty days unless extended by the Parish President and no continuous state of emergency may continue beyond ninety days unless approved by the parish governing authority; and

WHEREAS, The National Weather Service is monitoring a winter mix to impact the State Sunday through Wednesday, and wind chills in the teens are expected on Monday through Wednesday.

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2024, Governor Jeff Landry issued Executive Order JML 24-04, which declared a state of emergency to exist statewide as a result of the wintry weather which will impact the State Sunday through Wednesday; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Jefferson could potentially experience the risk of freezing temperatures and dangerous wind chill due to persistent wintry weather over the next several days, which threaten the safety, health, and security of the citizens of the Parish, along with damage to private property and public facilities; and

WHEREAS, to timely and effectively meet the dangers presented by the emergency, it is necessary to immediately effectuate measures to detect, prevent, prepare for, investigate, respond to, or recover from the emergency, and generally to preserve the lives and property of the people of the Parish of Jefferson.

NOW THEREFORE, I, CYNTHIA LEE SHENG, President of the Parish of Jefferson, by virtue of the authority vested by 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 within and throughout the Parish of Jefferson which will be impacted by the wintry weather, which present an imminent threat of emergency conditions that threaten the lives and property of the citizens of this Parish.

SECTION 2: That the provisions of Division 2 and Division 3.1 of Article VII of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana are hereby suspended with respect to the procurement of labor, materials, supplies,



equipment, services and public works necessary to respond to this emergency.

SECTION 3:

This proclamation shall be effective upon signature and shall remain in effect from January 13, 2024 to February 11, 2024, unless terminated sooner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially on this 13th day of January 2024.

Cynthia Lee Berg

PRESIDENT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON

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