



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 12 CLS 2022

STATE OF EMERGENCY - FRIGID ARCTIC AIR MASS

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) 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

WHEREAS, a frigid Arctic air mass is predicted to surge towards the Gulf Coast and to begin impacting Southeast Louisiana on Thursday, December 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued a wind advisory, wind chill advisory, and a hard freeze watch beginning Thursday evening; and

WHEREAS, very strong possibly damaging winds, dangerous wind chill, and an extended period of freezing temperatures are among the potential threats to life and property that are presented by the air mass; 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 including coastal areas and extending as far inland as may be impacted by the frigid Arctic air mass, which has created emergency conditions that threaten the lives and property of the citizens of this Parish.



SECTION 2:

This proclamation shall be effective upon signature and shall remain in effect through January 19, 2023, unless terminated sooner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially on this 21st day of December, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Cynthia Lee Jell

PRESIDENT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON

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