



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 11 CLS 2022

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 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 line of thunderstorms moving across southeast Louisiana present the dangers of damaging winds, strong tornadoes, and flash flooding; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service in New Orleans has issued tornado warnings and flash flood warnings covering Jefferson Parish due to the dangers presented by the storms; and

WHEREAS, one or more tornados and damaging winds generated by these storms have impacted Jefferson Parish; 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 severe storms, which have 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 12, 2023, unless terminated sooner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially on this 14th day of December, 2022 at 6:45 p.m.

Cynthia Lee Jones

PRESIDENT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON

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