



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

PROCLAMATION No. 6 CLS 2021

**STATE OF EMERGENCY -
HEAVY RAIN AND 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; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has indicated the potential for heavy rains and high winds with impacts across Jefferson Parish from Tuesday, April 13, 2021, and for several days thereafter; and

WHEREAS, throughout Jefferson Parish there has been localized heavy rainfall and high winds causing severe damage in Crown Point, Barataria, unincorporated Lafitte, the Town of Jean Lafitte and the Town of Grand Isle; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Grand Isle experienced severe flooding with sustained winds of 76 miles per hour, the equivalent of a category 1 hurricane resulting in many residences and businesses sustaining roof damage; the Town of Grand Isle's electrical power grid failed; the water system failed; back-up generators were flooded and rendered unusable; and the Town of Grand Isle is expected to be without power for four days; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Jefferson could potentially experience the risk of additional severe damage due to persistent severe weather over the next several days which threatens 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 including coastal areas and extending as far as may be impacted by the heavy rains and wintry weather, which present an imminent threat of emergency conditions that threaten the lives and property of the citizens of this Parish.



SECTION 2:

This order shall be effective upon signature on April 14, 2021 until terminated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially on this 14th day of April 2021.



PRESIDENT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON

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