



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 7 CLS 2023

EXTENSION OF 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)(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,** on December 14, 2022, Proclamation No. 11 CLS 2022 was issued, which declared a state of emergency to exist within and throughout the Parish of Jefferson due to emergency conditions created by a line of thunderstorms moving across southeast Louisiana; and
- WHEREAS,** these thunderstorms generated a tornado and damaging winds that impacted Jefferson Parish; and
- WHEREAS,** Proclamation Nos. 1 CLS 2023 and 2 CLS 2023, issued on January 10, 2023 and February 7, 2023, respectively, extended the state of emergency for additional thirty (30) day periods; and
- WHEREAS,** Jefferson Parish Council Resolution No. 141498, adopted on March 1, 2023, granted approval for this state of emergency to continue in effect for a period of more than ninety days; and
- WHEREAS,** Proclamation No. 3 CLS 2023, issued on March 13, 2023, extended the state of emergency for an additional thirty (30) days; and
- WHEREAS,** Jefferson Parish Council Resolution No. 141793, adopted on April 12, 2023 granted approval for a fourth thirty (30) day extension of the state of emergency.
- WHEREAS,** Proclamation No. 4 CLS 2023, issued on April 12, 2023, extended the state of emergency for an additional thirty (30) days; and
- WHEREAS,** Jefferson Parish Council Resolution No. 141869, adopted on April 26, 2023 granted approval for a fifth thirty (30) day extension of the state of emergency.
- WHEREAS,** Proclamation No. 5 CLS 2023, issued on May 11, 2023, extended the state of emergency for an additional thirty (30) days; and



WHEREAS, Jefferson Parish Council Resolution No. 142058, adopted on May 17, 2023 granted approval for a sixth thirty (30) day extension of the state of emergency.

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 6 CLS 2023, issued on June 7, 2023, extended the state of emergency for an additional thirty (30) days, and the state of emergency will terminate on July 12, 2023 unless extended; and

WHEREAS, the resulting storm damage continues to create emergency conditions that pose a threat of danger to the lives and property of the citizens of Jefferson Parish, and it is necessary to extend the state of emergency for an additional thirty (30) days.

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2023, the Jefferson Parish Council adopted a resolution granting approval for a seventh thirty (30) day extension of the state of emergency.

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 continue 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 from July 13, 2023 to August 11, 2023, unless terminated sooner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially on this 12th day of July, 2023.



PRESIDENT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON

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