



## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

## PROCLAMATION NUMBER 19 CLS 2020

*STATE OF EMERGENCY - HURRICANE ZETA*

**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,** Tropical Storm Zeta was forecasted to strengthen into a hurricane and enter the Gulf of Mexico on 10/26/2020, which it did, and the storm is expected to turn more toward the north and eventually north-northeast impacting the northern Gulf coast on Wednesday, 10/28/2020; and

**WHEREAS,** Jefferson Parish is within the National Hurricane Center Track Forecast Cone for Hurricane Zeta; and

**WHEREAS,** Hurricane Zeta has the potential to generate heavy rainfall, coastal flooding, strong to potentially damaging winds, and tornados; and

**WHEREAS,** on October 26, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 144 JBE 2020, which declared a state of emergency to exist statewide as a result of the imminent threat of emergency conditions caused by Tropical Storm (Hurricane) Zeta; 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 Hurricane Zeta, which has created emergency conditions that threaten the lives and property of the citizens of this Parish.



**SECTION 2:** This order shall be effective at 8:00 p.m. on October 26, 2020.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand officially on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

*Cynthia Lee Brier*

**PRESIDENT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON**

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