



## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

## PROCLAMATION NUMBER 2 CLS 2023

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**EXTENSION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY - SEVERE WEATHER**


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**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,** 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 No. 1 CLS 2023, issued on January 10, 2023 extended the state of emergency by thirty (30) days to February 11, 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** the resulting 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 this state of emergency for an additional thirty (30) days.

**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 February 12, 2023 to March 13, 2023, unless terminated sooner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

  
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 PRESIDENT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON

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