



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION NUMBER 78 JBE 2017**

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***STATE OF EMERGENCY – TROPICAL STORM CINDY***

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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 Governor of the State of Louisiana emergency 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 preparations of this State will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of Louisiana;

**WHEREAS,** when the Governor determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, La. R.S. 29:724(B)(1) empowers the Governor to declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation, or both;

**WHEREAS,** on June 20, 2017, an area of low pressure in the Gulf of Mexico, determined to be of sufficient force and intensity to be declared Tropical Storm Cindy, caused the National Weather Service to issue a tropical storm warning for much of coastal Louisiana;

**WHEREAS,** several parishes have declared, and numerous other parishes are in the process of declaring, states of emergency in order to assist residents in areas that may be impacted by the severe weather.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and 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 statewide as the threat of a disaster is imminent and said severe weather is a threat to the lives and property of the citizens of the State.

**SECTION 2:** The Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is hereby authorized to undertake any activity authorized by law which he deems appropriate in response to this declaration.

**SECTION 3:** All departments, commissions, boards, agencies and officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to

cooperate in actions the State may take in response to the effects of this severe weather event.

**SECTION 4:** This order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect from Wednesday, June 21, 2017 until Friday, July 21, 2017 unless terminated sooner.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 21<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

**s/ John Bel Edwards**

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**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**