



St. Tammany Parish Government **EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**

Executive Order

Emergency Operations Center Contact: 985-898-2359

EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING PARISH-WIDE STATE OF EMERGENCY AS PER THE LOUISIANA HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER ACT, LA. REV. STAT. 29:721, *ET SEQ.*, AS TO THE EFFECTS OF TROPICAL STORM LAURA AND TROPICAL STORM MARCO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. Rev. Stat. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the Governor of the State of Louisiana and parish presidents emergency powers to prepare and cope with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or manmade causes, in order to ensure that preparations will be adequate to cope with such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, when the Parish President determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, La. Rev. Stat. 29:727 empowers him to declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation; and

WHEREAS, La. Rev. Stat. 29:727(F) authorizes the Parish President to, among other things, suspend the provision of any regulatory ordinance prescribing the procedures for conduct of local business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any local agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any ordinance, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Laura and Tropical Storm Marco are both expected to enter the Gulf of Mexico within the next few days, moving towards Southeast Louisiana and posing a threat to the southern parishes and, in response, Governor Edwards has issued Executive Proclamation No. 108 JBE 2020 declaring a state of emergency as to the impending onset of the storms; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Laura and Tropical Storm Marco will likely produce storm surge and tropical-storm-force or hurricane-force winds across portions of southern Louisiana and have the potential to produce up to 10 inches of rain for those portions of Louisiana, all of which could particularly impact St. Tammany Parish, causing coastal and riverine flooding and damage due to high winds and rainfall; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the imminent threat of emergency conditions from Tropical Storm Laura and Tropical Storm Marco, Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President of St. Tammany Parish, heretofore invokes all rights and duties afforded him under La. Rev. Stat. 29:721, *et seq.* and 29:727(D), and all other applicable statutes and regulations, until further notice; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government, through Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, is empowered to take all necessary measures to ensure the continued safety, health and welfare of the citizens of St. Tammany Parish, as per law; and,

WHEREAS, the effect of the emergency upon all of St. Tammany Parish's people and property requires action by St. Tammany Parish Government to offset any damages caused by Tropical Storm Laura and Tropical Storm Marco; and



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WHEREAS, continued action by the St. Tammany Parish Government is mandatory to fulfill the needs of the people of this Parish until such time as the state of emergency has subsided.

IT IS ORDERED that pursuant the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. Rev. Stat. 29:721, *et seq.*, specifically La. Rev. Stat. 29:727(D), a Parish-wide state of emergency is declared as a result of Tropical Storm Laura and Tropical Storm Marco, which have created emergency conditions that threaten the safety of the citizens of this Parish; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, maintains the authority to assume total control of the Parish including, but not limited to, all private and public properties and utilities necessary to ensure the safety, health and welfare of the citizens and property of this Parish and to issue all necessary orders; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Office of the Parish President invokes all rights and remedies afforded it under all the laws and constitutions of the United States and State of Louisiana; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Office of the Parish President invokes all rights and remedies afforded it under Louisiana Revised Statutes; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Office of the Parish President invokes all rights and remedies afforded it under the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any person or entity who interrupts or interferes with the control of the Parish and/or Parish President shall be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the state of emergency shall be effective from August 23, 2020 until terminated by subsequent Executive Proclamation or Order.

At Covington, Louisiana, this 23rd day of August 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Michael B. Cooper
Parish President

NOTICE POSTED AT:

St. Tammany Parish web-page: stpgov.org
and
21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville, La.
and
510 E. Boston Street, Covington, La.
and
701 N. Columbia Street, Covington, La
and
520 Old Spanish Trail, Slidell, La

Sworn and subscribed before me,

(Notary Public)

On this 23rd day of August, 2020.

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