



**JEFFERSON PARISH
OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER
EXTENSION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY**

- 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 in order to ensure that preparations of this Parish will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters in order to detect, prevent, prepare for, investigate, respond to, or recover from such events, and generally to preserve the lives and property of the people of Jefferson Parish; and,
- WHEREAS,** La. R.S. 29:727 provides that a local disaster or emergency may be declared by the Parish President, which shall continue until he finds that the threat of danger has been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist, and further provides that no state of emergency may continue for longer than thirty days unless extended by the Parish President; and,
- WHEREAS,** by Proclamation No. 31 JBE 2016, dated March 10, 2016, Governor John Bel Edwards declared a state of emergency to exist statewide as a result of severe weather caused by a strong upper level storm system that caused thunderstorms across most of the state; and,
- WHEREAS,** in accordance with R.S. 29:727, an order was issued on March 16, 2016 declaring a state of emergency within and throughout Jefferson Parish, extending as far inland as may be impacted by the emergency to timely and effectively meet the dangers to the Parish and people presented by the severe weather caused by a strong upper level storm system affecting Jefferson Parish; and,
- WHEREAS,** by orders dated April 14, 2016, May 11, 2016, June 8, 2016, July 11, 2016, August 10, 2016, September 8, 2016, October 6, 2016, November 3, 2016 said declaration was extended for additional thirty (30) day periods; and,
- WHEREAS,** it is necessary to again extend the emergency declaration for the Parish of Jefferson due to damage to storm protection defenses for the Town of Grand Isle caused by the severe weather; and,

NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL S. YENNI, PARISH PRESIDENT, of Jefferson Parish, by virtue of the authority vested by the laws of the State of Louisiana, including but not limited to Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, do hereby find that emergency conditions continue to exist in Jefferson Parish which conditions are dangerous, threatening and impacting the Town of Grand Isle as a result of the severe weather caused by a strong upper level storm system affecting Jefferson Parish, and that the state of emergency declared on March 16, 2016, which was subsequently extended on April 14, 2016, May 11, 2016, June 8, 2016, July 11, 2016, August 10, 2016, September 8, 2016, October 6, 2016, and November 3, 2016 shall continue in full force and effect through January 2, 2017, unless or until terminated prior thereto in accordance with law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially, at Jefferson, Louisiana, on this 2nd day of December, 2016.



 MICHAEL S. YENNI
 PARISH PRESIDENT, JEFFERSON PARISH