



**PARISH OF JEFFERSON  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT  
EXECUTIVE ORDER  
DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY**

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- WHEREAS,** The Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the Parish 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 sets forth the Parish President may declare a state of emergency which shall continue until he finds that the threat of danger has been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist, but further provides that no state of emergency may continue for longer than thirty days unless extended by the Parish President; and
- WHEREAS,** By definitions provided in R.S. 29:723, a *disaster* means the results of a natural event, such as a hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, high winds, and other weather related events, which causes loss of life, injury, and property damage, and an *emergency* means an actual or threatened condition which has been or may be created by a disaster; and
- WHEREAS,** Extreme cold temperatures are impacting the citizens and property of Jefferson Parish, which has caused loss of life, injury, and/or property damage and pose a threat of loss of life, injury, and/or property damage in Jefferson Parish ("*the emergency*"); and
- WHEREAS,** The areas affected by these dangerously frigid temperatures are within and throughout Jefferson Parish; and
- WHEREAS,** The State of Louisiana issued Proclamation No. 9 BJ 2014 on January 24, 2014 declaring a State of Emergency due to the effects and threats the extreme cold weather conditions are having on their citizens and property; and
- WHEREAS,** To timely and effectively meet the dangers to the Parish and people 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 Jefferson Parish.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. YOUNG, JR.,** Parish President of the Parish of Jefferson, 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, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, find that facts, circumstances and representations surrounding the extreme cold temperatures affecting Jefferson Parish set forth herein are accurate and genuine and that such threat of danger necessitates a state of emergency to be declared, and I do hereby declare a state of emergency within and throughout Jefferson Parish, extending as far inland as may be impacted by the emergency, such to timely and effectively meet the dangers to the Parish and people presented by the emergency by means of effectuating 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 Jefferson Parish. This state of emergency shall continue in full force and effect until I find that such threat of danger has been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Seal of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, at Jefferson, Louisiana, on this 27th day of January, 2014.

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JOHN F. YOUNG, JR. - PARISH PRESIDENT