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EMERGENCY DECLARATION 2021-02-12

STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq, confers upon the Parish President the authority 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 and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the Parish of Natchitoches; and,

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

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service is forecasting that Natchitoches Parish could experience extremely cold temperatures from Saturday, February 13 to Wednesday, February 17; and,

WHEREAS, the potential exists for wintry weather, including heavy snowfall and freezing rain; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the severe winter conditions, a number of Parish roads may become icy and hazardous to travelers, residents' safety may be threatened, and utility services such as water and electricity may be unavailable to residents for several days;

NOW, THEREFORE I, JOHN RICHMOND, President of the Parish of Natchitoches, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, and the Home Rule Charter of the Parish of Natchitoches, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance Act, R.S. 29:721 et seq, a state of emergency is declared to exist in the Parish of Natchitoches as a result of the severe wintry weather that may threaten the lives

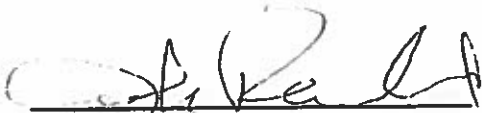
and property of the citizens of the Parish.

SECTION 2: The Director of the Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness is hereby authorized to undertake any activity authorized by law which he deems necessary and appropriate in response to this declaration.

SECTION 3: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies and officers of the Parish are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions the Parish may take in response to the effects of this potentially severe weather situation.

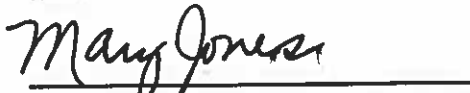
SECTION 4: This new declaration of a state of emergency is effective immediately and will remain in effect until terminated in accordance with R.S. 29:727, unless terminated earlier by the Parish.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially at the courthouse, in the City of Natchitoches, on this 12th day of February, 2021.



John Richmond  
Parish President

ATTEST BY



Parish OEF, Assistant Director