



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

PROCLAMATION No. 13 CLS 2020

*STATE OF EMERGENCY -
TROPICAL DEPRESSION FOURTEEN AND TROPICAL STORM LAURA*

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, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or manmade causes, in order to ensure that the preparations of this parish will be adequate to respond to such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the Parish of Jefferson; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 29:727(D) empowers the President of the Parish of Jefferson to declare a local disaster or emergency, which shall continue until the President finds that the threat of danger has been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist; and

WHEREAS, the weather system presently identified as Tropical Depression Fourteen is expected to move into the south-central Gulf of Mexico as a tropical storm on Sunday, August 23, 2020, and the weather system presently identified as Tropical Storm Laura is expected to enter the Gulf of Mexico approximately twenty-four hours later; and

WHEREAS, present forecasts indicate that Jefferson Parish is within the cone of error for both storms; and

WHEREAS, these tropical weather systems have the potential to generate heavy rainfall, damaging winds, and elevated tides, which could bring about flooding and utility interruptions; and

WHEREAS, to timely and effectively meet the dangers 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 the Parish of Jefferson.


NOW THEREFORE, I, CYNTHIA LEE SHENG, President of the Parish of Jefferson, by virtue of the authority vested by 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 within and throughout the Parish of Jefferson including coastal areas and extending as far inland as may be impacted by the tropical weather systems presently identified as Tropical Depression Fourteen and Tropical Storm Laura, which have created emergency conditions that threaten the lives and property of the citizens of this Parish.

SECTION 2:

This order shall be effective at 4:30 p.m. on August 21, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand
officially on this **L** day of August, 2020.



PRESIDENT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON