

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 24-130

RENEWAL OF STATE OF EMERGENCY TROPICAL STORM BERYL

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, a state of emergency was declared through Executive Order No. JML 24-105, which expires on August 7, 2024;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the Governor of the State of Louisiana emergency 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 preparations of this State will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Beryl advanced steadily north from Texas into Western Louisiana throughout the day on Monday, July 8, 2024. The organized outer convective bands from the tropical storm spread throughout Louisiana, developing multiple supercells;

WHEREAS, NWS Shreveport issued over 65 tornado warnings throughout the afternoon into the evening. Data indicates a minimum of eighteen tornadoes touched down in the State;

WHEREAS, damage assessments show one fatality, at least two severe injuries, massive power outages, and major damages to multiple homes and businesses in parishes on the western side of the State; and

WHEREAS, several parishes have issued emergency declarations, executed their emergency response plans, and require assistance from the State of Louisiana to provide resources to protect the life, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, numerous tornadoes caused by Tropical Storm Beryl struck multiple parishes in northwest Louisiana, causing one fatality, multiple injuries to survivors, and widespread debris; and

WHEREAS, certain parishes continue to require state assistance to recover from this event and to protect public health and safety.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, order and direct as follows:

Section 1: Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, the state of emergency declared in JML 24-105 continues to exist as a result of the emergency conditions that occurred on July 8, 2024, and that continue to threaten the lives, safety, and property of the citizens in Louisiana.

Section 2: The Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is hereby authorized to continue to undertake any activity authorized by law that he deems appropriate in response to this declaration including, providing the following assistance:

- A. Debris Removal Assistance: The State will provide assistance in the form of 75% of costs related to debris removal that are incurred within the first ten (10) days of debris operations or a validly issued Notice to Proceed to a debris contractor for the following parishes: *Bossier, DeSoto, and Webster.*
- B. Shelter Assistance: The State will provide assistance in the form of 75% of costs related to sheltering that are incurred within seven (7) days of July 8, 2024 for the following parishes: *Bossier, DeSoto, and Webster.*
- C. Emergency Protective Measures: The State will provide assistance in the form of 75% of costs attributable to emergency protective measures (limited to overtime pay) related to this event for the following parishes: *Bossier, DeSoto, and Webster.*

Section 3: The State will review resource requests submitted through WebEOC from all parishes, and may allocate additional resources as necessary to assist parishes in their recovery efforts.

Section 4: Pursuant to R.S. 29:732, during a declared state of emergency, the prices charged or value received for goods and services sold within the designated emergency area may not exceed the prices ordinarily charged for comparable goods and services in the same market area at or immediately before the time of the state of emergency, unless the price by the seller is attributable to fluctuations in applicable commodity markets, fluctuations in applicable regional or national market trends, or to reasonable expenses and charges and attendant business risk incurred in procuring or selling the goods or services during the state of emergency.

Section 5: Pursuant to R.S. 29:724(D)(1), the Louisiana Procurement Code (R.S. 39:1551. et seq.) and Louisiana Public Bid Law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.) and their corresponding rules and regulations are hereby suspended for the purpose of the procurement of any goods or services necessary to respond to this emergency by the following parishes: *Bossier, DeSoto, and Webster*, including emergency contracts, cooperative endeavor agreements, and any other emergency amendments to existing contracts.

Section 6: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies, and officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions the State may take in response to this event.

Section 7: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect from Wednesday, August 7, 2024, until Friday, September 6, 2024, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded earlier by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 7th day of August, 2024.

JEFF LANDRY
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

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SECRETARY OF STATE