

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 24-158

STATE OF EMERGENCY HURRICANE FRANCINE – SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

WHEREAS, the Governor is responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and its citizens presented by emergencies and disasters;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the Governor of the State of Louisiana emergency powers to address disasters resulting from natural or man-made events that cause or threaten loss of life, injury, or property damage, as well as emergencies, which include actual or potential conditions created by such disasters, in order to ensure that preparations by the 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, when the Governor determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, La. R.S. 29:724(B)(1) empowers him to declare a state of emergency or disaster by executive order which has the force and effect of law;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 29:724 authorizes the governor during a declared state of emergency to suspend the provisions of any state regulatory statute prescribing procedures for conducting state business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provision of any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency;

WHEREAS, Governor Jeff Landry declared a state of emergency in response to the imminent threat posed by Hurricane Francine on September 9, 2024, in JML 24-142;

WHEREAS, JML 24-142 has been renewed and extended every thirty (30) days through JML 24-147, which is in effect through Friday, October 18, 2024;

WHEREAS, a declaration of emergency or disaster activates the state’s emergency response and recovery program under the command of the director of the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (“GOHSEP”);

WHEREAS, GOHSEP is responsible for determining the requirements of the state and its political subdivisions for food, clothing, and other necessities and supplies in a designated emergency area;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Francine made landfall on the Louisiana coast on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, as a Category 2 hurricane with over 100 mile-per-hour winds and was the third and largest storm to hit the United States this year;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Francine brought devastating winds, widespread power outages, and damage to Louisiana;

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2024, the President of the United States declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Louisiana (FEMA-4817-DR) during the period of September 9-12, 2024;

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

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, recognizing the significant impact of Hurricane Francine, desires to minimize this impact on the residents and assist communities in their recovery;

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.*, a state of emergency is hereby declared to exist as a result of the emergency conditions that currently threaten the lives, safety, and property of the citizens of Louisiana.

Section 2: Pursuant to R.S. 29:724 (A)(3), the designated emergency area is the entire State of Louisiana.

Section 3: The Director of GOHSEP is hereby authorized to undertake any activity authorized by law that he deems appropriate in response to this declaration.

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, 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 Friday, October 18, 2024, and shall continue in effect until Sunday, November 17, 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 18th day of October, 2024.



JEFF LANDRY
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE



Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE