



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### PROCLAMATION NO. 146 BJ 2013

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#### *STATE OF EMERGENCY – TROPICAL STORM KAREN*

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**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,** when the Governor determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, R.S. 29:724(B)(1) empowers him to declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation;

**WHEREAS,** Tropical Storm Karen is currently moving up the Yucatan Peninsula and is moving slowly northwestward toward the State of Louisiana and the Gulf Coast, posing a threat of extremely heavy rainfall resulting in very high tides for coastal parishes and the possibility of flash floods for coastal parishes and inland parishes through the weekend of Saturday, October 5, 2013;

**WHEREAS,** the National Weather Service predicts this storm has the potential to develop hurricane force winds and make landfall between Southeast Louisiana and the Florida panhandle on Saturday;

**WHEREAS,** the National Weather Service has issued a Hurricane Watch, a Tropical Storm Watch, and a Coastal Flood Advisory for the next 72 hours for parts of southeastern Louisiana, placing the lives and property of the citizens of this State in jeopardy.

**NOW THEREFORE I, BOBBY JINDAL,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and 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, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, a state of emergency is declared to continue to exist in the State of Louisiana as a result of forecasted tropical storm which has created emergency conditions that threaten the lives and property of the citizens of the State.

**SECTION 2:** The Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and 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:**

The state of emergency extends from Thursday, October 3, 2013 through Friday, November 1, 2013, unless terminated sooner.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2013.

/s/ Bobby Jindal  
**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR**

/s/ Tom Schedler  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**