



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 24-83

EMERGENCY DECLARATION
LA 77 GROSSE TETE BAYOU BRIDGE, IBERVILLE PARISH

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;

WHEREAS, the Governor is responsible for meeting the dangers to the State and its people presented by emergencies;

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

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2024 (“Incident Date”), a vessel underway on the Port Allen Lock collided with the Louisiana Highway 77 bridge located between the Village of Grosse Tete and the City of Plaquemine in Iberville Parish;

WHEREAS, an inspection of the Louisiana Highway 77 bridge has revealed that the bridge is unsafe for public travel and should remain closed until repairs are completed;

WHEREAS, the nearest available detour route from Grosse Tete to Plaquemine is via Interstate 10 East to Exit LA-1 in Port Allen;

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 declared to exist in Iberville Parish, Louisiana, as pertains to the Louisiana Highway 77 bridge located between the Village of Grosse Tete and the City of Plaquemine in Iberville Parish.

Section 2: 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 3: This Order is effective upon signature and shall be in effect from the Incident Date through July 6, 2024, unless terminated sooner.



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 13th day of June 2024.

JEFF LANDRY
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE