LAFOURCHE PARISH
STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, et seq., confers upon the Parish President of the Parish of Lafourche 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 the Parish will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the Parish of Lafourche; and

WHEREAS, when the Parish President determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, La. R.S. 29:727(D) empowers the Parish President to declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation, or both; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Ida is a low-pressure system to develop in the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, this system will likely produce storm surge and tropical-storm-force or hurricane force winds across Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Lafourche is presently faced with an emergency due to this severe weather event producing heavy rainfall, severe storms and flash flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Louisiana issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency, Proclamation 165 JBE 2021 in order to provide necessary assistance to multiple parishes to this continuing threat.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Archie Chaisson, III, Parish President of the Parish of Lafourche, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, and the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter, 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 in the Parish of Lafourche as a result of the heavy rains and flood risk, the effects of which continue to threaten the lives and property of the citizens of the Parish.
SECTION 2: The Director of the Lafourche Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is hereby authorized to undertake any activity authorized by law which he deems appropriate in response to this declaration.

SECTION 3: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies and officers of the Parish, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions the Parish may take in response to the effects of this severe weather event.

SECTION 4: This order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect from Friday, August 27, 2021, at 6:30 am Central Time, until terminated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially at Thibodaux, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana on this 27th day of August 2021.

[Signature]
Archie Chaisson, III
Lafourche Parish President