

## LOCAL DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1601, et seq., has declared that the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) constitutes a national emergency; and

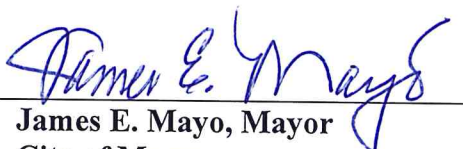
**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 regarding the Public Health Emergency – COVID-19, declaring an imminent threat posed to Louisiana citizens by the virus, creating emergency conditions that threaten the lives and health of the citizens of the State of Louisiana, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 29:766; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury President, Shane Smiley, declared a local state of emergency due to the threat of COVID-19, which was retroactive to Governor Edwards' issuance of the statewide declaration of the aforesaid Public Health Emergency (Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020) on March 11, 2020, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 29:721 et. seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Monroe in Ouachita Parish has been greatly affected by COVID-19, and the disease may pose an imminent threat to the City of Monroe and threaten the safety and security of the citizens of the City of Monroe; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Monroe may activate any necessary emergency plans and activities in response to this event and which may need to exceed the Parish's capability to respond to this possible life threatening crisis, and as such, the City of Monroe takes this measure in order to participate in any response and recovery plan administered by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and its power to act as administrator under Louisiana Revised Statute 29:767, and pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance Act as amended, Louisiana Revised Statute 29:721, et. seq.; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to the authority granted in Louisiana Revised Statute 29:737, a State of Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19 is hereby declared for the City of Monroe effective as of April 1, 2020 and shall continue through April 30, 2020 unless terminated earlier or extended.

  
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James E. Mayo, Mayor  
City of Monroe

Thus done and signed on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020 at Monroe,  
Louisiana.

Angie D. Sturdivant  
Notary Public: Angie D. Sturdivant  
Bar Roll No.: 32421

**LOCAL DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on April 12, 2020, inclement weather, severe thunderstorms, and at least one confirmed tornado struck the City of Monroe causing severe property damage and personal injury in the City of Monroe;

**WHEREAS**, these storms and tornado(s) caused damage to persons, homes, businesses and public property in the City of Monroe; and

**WHEREAS**, there are citizens in the City of Monroe whom are still without access to electricity, shelter, and basic necessities; and

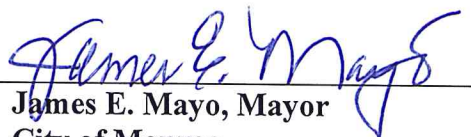
**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the health and safety of City of Monroe residents and the protection of their property within the affected areas, and in the public interest, all steps should be taken to protect property and citizens in the City of Monroe and to encourage significant, immediate remedial measures and recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 12, 2020, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury President, Shane Smiley, declared a local state of emergency due to the thunderstorm and tornado damage, which was immediately effective, pursuant to the Ordinances of Ouachita Parish, the Louisiana Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act of 2006, and other controlling law; and

**WHEREAS**, a state of emergency exists due to the damage that was created by the severe storm system and tornado(s) that moved through the City of Monroe in Ouachita Parish on April 12, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Monroe may activate any necessary emergency plans and activities in response to this event and which may need to exceed the Parish's capability to respond to this damage, and as such, the City of Monroe takes this measure in order to participate in any response and recovery plan administered by the Ouachita Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance Act as amended, Louisiana Revised Statute 29:721, et. seq.; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to the authority granted in Louisiana Revised Statute 29:737, a State of Emergency due to thunderstorm, wind and tornado damage is hereby declared for the City of Monroe effective as of April 12, 2020 and shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days unless terminated earlier or extended.

  
**James E. Mayo, Mayor**  
**City of Monroe**

Thus done and signed on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020 at Monroe,  
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