State of Louisiana

Executive Department
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2016-54

USE OF STATE VEHICLES TO TRANSPORT NON-STATE EMPLOYEES DURING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, the Governor declared a state of emergency in Proclamation No. 111 JBE 2016, which is currently in effect;

WHEREAS, portions of southern Louisiana are currently experiencing flooding and rescue efforts have been ongoing since the event began and continue, including state employees who have volunteered to assist and drive state owned vehicles;

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 29:724 confers upon the Governor emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters 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 citizens of the State of Louisiana, including the authority to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for the conduct of state business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: For the purpose of (1) evacuations; (2) shelter operations; and (3) obtaining medication, food, water, personal supplies, medical care and other critical supplies or services; or (4) take other similar necessary action in coping with the emergency, strict compliance with Louisiana Administrative Code Title 34, Part XI, Section 103, and any other rule, regulation, policy or practice of any agency which limits travel in state-owned vehicles to state employees unless specific

permission is given and procedures are followed, shall not be required during the existence of this declared state of emergency declared by Proclamation No. 111 JBE 2016.

SECTION 2: Non-state employees may travel as passengers in state-owned vehicles only during the existence of this declared state of emergency for the specific purposes outlined above. All other travel by non-state employees in state-owned vehicles shall be in compliance with Louisiana Administrative Code Title 34, Part XI, Section 103, and any other rule, regulation, policy or practice of any agency.

SECTION 3: This order is effective upon signature and shall apply retroactively from Friday, August 12, 2016, and continue through the duration of the emergency unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded 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 15th day of August, 2016.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE