EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 17-24

EMERGENCY TRIP PERMITS AND
INTERNATIONAL FUEL TAX AGREEMENT (IFTA) WAIVER

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 Number 104 JBE 2017;

WHEREAS, due to Hurricane Harvey, portions of Louisiana and Texas experienced a flood of historic proportions, with thousands of people dislocated from flooded homes that can only be reached by boat or high water trucks;

WHEREAS, the flooding from Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath poses a threat to citizens and communities across Louisiana and Texas;

WHEREAS, thousands of families and businesses in Louisiana and Texas have suffered damages due to this devastating hurricane and its aftermath;

WHEREAS, the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the affected areas of Louisiana and Texas require that the movements of operators of commercial motor carriers traveling on the public highways of the state of Louisiana for the purpose of emergency preparedness and disaster relief efforts be expedited; and

WHEREAS, assistance is headed to hurricane impacted areas from all around the country and time is of the essence.

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: The commercial vehicle registration and license tax statutory and regulatory requirements, including but not limited to La. R.S. 47:511.1 and La. R.S. 47:818.44, regarding the purchase of trip permits for registration and fuel for commercial motor carriers shall be waived for those engaged in emergency preparedness or disaster relief efforts traveling in or through the state of Louisiana to provide emergency preparedness or disaster relief efforts.

SECTION 2: Nothing in this Order shall be construed to allow any vehicle transporting emergency equipment or commodities for disaster preparedness or relief to violate any Waiver Order issued by the Department of Transportation and Development Secretary Shawn Wilson pursuant to La. R.S. 32:387.
SECTION 3: This order is effective upon signature and shall apply retroactively from Friday, August 25, 2017, until 11:59 p.m. on October 1, 2017, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law prior to such time.

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 13th day of September, 2017.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE