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IBERIA PARISH EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION NO. 1 IB 2011

STATE OF EMERGENCY – IMINENT THREAT OF FLOODING

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., confers upon the Parish President of Iberia Parish the power to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or man-made 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 citizens of the Parish of Iberia;

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

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued flood alerts along the length of the Mississippi River with predicted river crests well above flood stage in many locations which, combined with currently forecast weather conditions across the middle of the nation, create the potential for major or record flooding for states along the Mississippi River which is an imminent threat to the Parish of Iberia, potentially causing flooding and damage to private property and public facilities, and threatening the safety and security of the citizens of Iberia Parish;

WHEREAS, the declaration of this state of emergency is necessary to allow the parish agencies to thoroughly prepare for any eventuality and to allow local, state and federal agencies and resources to be deployed timely;

NOW THEREFORE I, ERNEST FREYOU, President of Iberia Parish, State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION I: Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:727(D), et seq., a state of emergency is declared to exist in the Parish of Iberia as flooding poses an imminent threat to private property and public facilities, and threatens the safety and security of the citizens of Iberia Parish;

SECTION II: The Parish of Iberia emergency response and recovery program is activated under the command of the Director of Iberia Parish's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness to prepare for and provide emergency support services and/or to minimize the effects of the flood's damage;

SECTION III: The State of Emergency extends from Friday, May 6, 2011 through Monday, June 6, 2011, unless terminated sooner.

Ernest Freyou, President
Iberia Parish Government