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John Bel Edwards, Governor
Shawn D. Wilson, Ph.D., Secretary

SECRETARY'S EMERGENCY ORDER

STATE OF EMERGENCY – TROPICAL STORM SALLY

- 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 120 JBE 2020 whereby said provision of law confers upon the Governor of the State of Louisiana 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 this State will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of Louisiana;
- WHEREAS,** when the Governor determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, La. R.S. 29:724(8)(1) empowers him to declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation, or both;
- WHEREAS,** the National Weather Service has indicated that Tropical Storm Sally's center is forecast to move over the southeastern and eastern Gulf of Mexico later today and Monday and then move over the north-central Gulf of Mexico tonight and Monday;
- WHEREAS,** the storm has the potential to strengthen into a hurricane once it moves into the Gulf of Mexico;
- WHEREAS,** there is a potential for high storm surge along coastal parishes and tropical storm force winds and flooding from rainfall in the southeastern portion of Louisiana;
- WHEREAS,** many parishes across the state will need to take protective measures to help mitigate against flooding and wind damage in response to this imminent threat, as well as prepare additional evacuation and sheltering measures required during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- WHEREAS,** the State anticipates that parishes will declare states of emergency, and assistance may be needed to assist parishes in their response to this developing threat; and,
- WHEREAS,** to deal with emergencies or disasters and 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

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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, SHAWN DAVID WILSON, Secretary of Department of Transportation and Development, 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: With respect to the collection of payments at tolls under the operation and control of the state of Louisiana, specifically LA 1 Toll Bridge from Leesville, Louisiana to Grand Isle and Port Fourchon:

1. All tolls are waived.

SECTION 2: With respect to the Customer Service Center in Golden Meadow, Louisiana:

1. The Customer Service Center in Golden Meadow, Louisiana will close its lobby and services on September 14, 2020 at 12:00 P.M.
2. The GeauxPass website is www.geauxpass.com and the customer service center phone number is 1-866-662-8987

SECTION 3: This Order is effective September 13, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. and shall remain in effect until amended, modified or rescinded.



Secretary Shawn D. Wilson, Ph.D.
Department of Transportation and Development