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### EXECUTIVE ORDER REGARDING COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY GOVERNMENTAL BUILDINGS, ST. CHARLES PARISH

- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by the COVID-19 virus that was first detected in China and which has now been detected in many other countries, including the United States. The virus has been named SARS-CoV-2, and the disease it causes has been named “coronavirus disease 2019” (abbreviated COVID-19);
- WHEREAS,** on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a “public health emergency of International concern” (“PHEIC”). On January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency (“PHE”) for the United States to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to COVID-19;
- WHEREAS,** on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak a worldwide pandemic;
- WHEREAS,** on March 11, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued a proclamation pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 29:760 declaring a public health emergency regarding COVID-19;
- WHEREAS,** Governor John Bel Edwards on March 11, 2020 issued Proclamation Number JBE 2020-25, on March 13, 2020 issued Proclamation JBE 2020-27, and on March 16, 2020 issued Proclamation Number JBE 2020-30, which ceased the operation of and/or greatly reduced the hours of operation of some businesses within the Parish of St. Charles and restricted the gathering of people within the Parish of St. Charles;
- WHEREAS,** on March 13, 2020 St. Charles Parish President Matthew Jewell issued a Declaration of State of Emergency in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the Parish of St. Charles;

**WHEREAS,** Matthew Jewell, Parish President, the Chief Executive Officer of St. Charles Parish, is responsible for the administration, direction, and supervision of all Parish departments, offices, agencies and special districts.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW JEWELL,** St. Charles Parish President, considering the emergency advisories issued by the Center for Disease Control, the Louisiana Department of Health concerning the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, and the public health emergency declarations by Governor John Bel Edwards, do hereby order and direct as follows:

**Effective immediately, access to the St. Charles Parish Courthouse, 15045 River Road, Hahnville, Louisiana 70057, and other governmental buildings, will be limited and restricted by appointment only, subject to proof of identification and confirmation of appointment or court ordered appearance.**

**Effective immediately, the following persons are not permitted to enter a Courthouse or other governmental buildings:**

- 1. Persons who have been diagnosed with or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.**
- 2. Persons who have been advised to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency.**
- 3. Persons exhibiting respiratory symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills or fatigue.**
- 4. Persons who have been in any of the following countries in the last 14 days: China, South Korea, Japan, Italy and/or Iran.**
- 5. Persons who reside with or have had close contact with someone who has been in one of the countries listed above in the last 14 days.**

**All other persons will not be permitted to enter the Courthouse premises or governmental buildings. Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry by security.**

**It is further recommendation that all individuals who do not have a specific appointment or court ordered appearance should contact the appropriate governmental department prior to attempting to enter the Courthouse.**

**These restrictions shall remain in effect temporarily until it is determined to be safe to remove them.**

**People who think they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately.**

**DONE AND SIGNED** this 20th day of March, 2020 at Hahnville, Louisiana.



**MATTHEW JEWELL**  
President, Parish of St. Charles  
State of Louisiana