



EMERGENCY DECLARATION

BY LOCAL PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C 1601, et seq., has declared that the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) constitutes a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 regarding the Public Health Emergency – COVID-19, declaring an imminent threat posed to Louisiana citizens by the virus, creating emergency conditions that threaten the lives and health of the citizens of the State of Louisiana, pursuant to La. R.S. 29:766; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, I, Sharon Weston Broome, issued an Executive Order proclaiming a public health emergency and directing the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness to coordinate the City-Parish response to the virus; and

WHEREAS, EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH may be greatly affected or has been greatly affected by the virus "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes, Coronavirus Disease 2019(COVID-19), and the disease may pose an imminent threat to the City of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and threaten the safety and security of the citizens of East Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH may activate any necessary emergency plans and activities in response to this event and that this may exceed the Parish's capability to respond to this possibly life threatening crisis, and as such the City of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge take this measure in order to participate in any response and recovery plan administered by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and their power to act as administrator, as per La. R.S. 29:767 and pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance Act as amended, La R. S. 29:721, et seq.; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sharon Weston Broome, on this 13th day of March 2020, hereby declare that a public health emergency exists in East Baton Rouge Parish, in accordance with La. R.S. 29:727.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon Weston Broome".