DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
FOR IBERIA PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) as a “Public Health Emergency of International Concern;” and

WHEREAS, U.S. President Donald Trump has declared the Coronavirus outbreak to be a National Emergency conveying to the public that the nation faces a serious crisis and that drastic action is necessary; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards has also issued several proclamations declaring that statewide public health emergency exists in the State of Louisiana “as a result of the imminent threat posed to Louisiana citizens by COVID-19, which has created emergency conditions that threaten the lives and health of the citizens of the state;” and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that throughout the world, there has been person-to-person spread of COVID-19 as well as community spread where some people have become infected and it is not known how or where they became exposed; and

WHEREAS, Iberia Parish, Louisiana, is currently facing the threat of emergency conditions from the potential spread of the virus to our community;

WHEREAS, immediate emergency action is necessary in order to minimize the effects of this health emergency by taking steps to restrict person to person contact and to maximize the use of local available resources and support in order to maintain order and protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Iberia Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Parish President is authorized by Louisiana law; including, but not limited to, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act (LSA – R.S. 29:721, et. seq.) as well as the Iberia Parish Home Rule Charter and any other applicable ordinances, resolutions or statutes to declare a local state of emergency for Iberia Parish including all future Executive Orders of the Governor of the State of Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, M. Larry Richard, Parish President of Iberia Parish, Louisiana, hereby declare that a STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY exists in Iberia Parish, Louisiana, beginning at 2:00 P.M., on Tuesday March 17, 2020, and continuing until Monday April 13, 2020, unless otherwise amended, extended or terminated, that all Emergency Operations Plans be activated and that the Iberia Parish, Louisiana, Office of Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security be and is hereby designated as point of contact.

THIS LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION IS ISSUED ON THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020, AT 2:00 P.M. EFFECTIVE AS SET FORTH HEREINABOVE.

M. LARRY RICHARD
Parish President, Iberia Parish