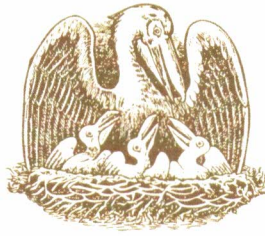


State of



Louisiana

Parish of Grant

In the Name and By the Authority of The Police  
Jury of Grant Parish

PROCLAMATION NO. 2023-002

STATE OF EMERGENCY – NOVEMBER 22, 2023, TOWN OF COLFAX WATER SYSTEM

**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq, confers upon the Parish President the authority to deal with emergencies and disasters in order to ensure that preparations of this parish will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the Town of Colfax; and

**WHEREAS,** when the Parish President determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, R.S. 29:727 empowers the Parish president to declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation, or both; and

**WHEREAS,** on November 22, 2023, the Town of Colfax experienced a sudden water outage due to presumed well pump failure thereby causing a complete outage to the 900 +/- residential and commercial customers including the Grant Parish Courthouse, where local governmental activities occur, local businesses, one (1) elementary school, and one (1) elderly nursing home which houses a population as of November 22, 2023 of approximately one hundred (100) patients and forty (40) staff;

**WHEREAS,** the severity of this well and water utility system being offline is directly related to a clean, fresh, and sanitary water supply; and

**WHEREAS,** this is a very definite threat possibility to life of the citizens of the Town of Colfax and Grant Parish Courthouse, where local governmental activities occur, local businesses, one (1) elementary school, and one (1) elderly nursing home which houses a population as of November 22, 2023 of approximately one hundred (100) patients and forty (40) staff

**NOW THEREFORE, I, MARK BALL,** President of the Parish of Grant, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1:** Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Assistant Act, R.S. 29:721 et seq, a state of emergency is declared to exist in the Town of Colfax and Parish of Grant as a result of a presumed well pump failure thereby causing a complete outage;

**SECTION 2:** The Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is hereby authorized to undertake any activity authorized by law which he deems necessary and appropriate in response to this declaration;

**SECTION 3:** All Departments, Commissions, Boards, Agencies, and Officers of the Parish of Grant are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions the Parish may take in response to the potential effects of the Town of Colfax water system extended outage.

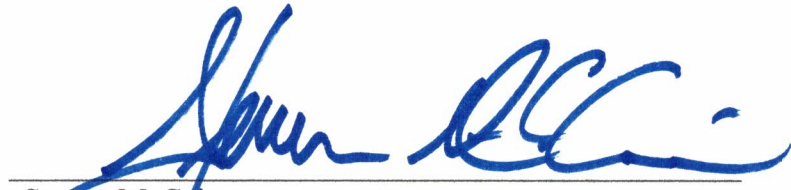
**SECTION 4:** This state of emergency extends from Tuesday, November 22, 2023 until Sunday, December 31, 2023, or until formally rescinded.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set by hand officially at the Courthouse, in the Town of Colfax, on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2023.



Mark Ball

**PRESIDENT, GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY**



Steven McCain

**DIRECTOR, GRANT PARISH OHSEP**



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(State of Louisiana)  
(Parish of Grant)

I hereby certify that the within  
is a true and correct copy of the  
original instrument as same ap-  
pears in this office under Reg.

No. 109119 of date  
**NOV 22 2023** Time 10:08AM  
Recorded in mtg  
Book 477, Page 826

Given under my hand and seal  
of office at Colfax, LA this  
day of NOV 22 2023

RANDALL K. BRIGGS

*[Signature]*  
Dy. Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder