

# **Governor Bobby Jindal Declares State of Emergency for Tropical Storm Isaac**

**BATON ROUGE** - Today, Governor Bobby Jindal issued the following executive proclamation declaring a state of emergency as a result of the forecasted conditions of Tropical Storm Isaac.

## **STATE OF EMERGENCY – TROPICAL STORM ISAAC:**

**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., 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, R.S. 29:724(B)(1) empowers him to declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation;

**WHEREAS,** Tropical Storm Isaac is currently located south of Key West, moving northwestward as it enters the Gulf of Mexico;

**WHEREAS,** the National Weather Service forecasts this storm will strengthen to hurricane-force strength within the next 24 hours before making landfall on the Gulf Coast in approximately 48 hours, and has issued a hurricane watch for southeastern Louisiana;

**WHEREAS,** the inherent uncertainty of predicting the path of the storm as it crosses the open waters of the Gulf of Mexico poses a threat to citizens and communities across the Gulf Coast and creates conditions which place lives and property in the State in jeopardy;

**NOW THEREFORE I, BOBBY JINDAL,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, 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 Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., a state of emergency is declared to exist in the State of Louisiana as a result of Tropical Storm Isaac which has created emergency conditions that threaten the lives and property of the citizens of the State.

**SECTION 2:** The Director of the Governor's 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:** The state of emergency extends from Sunday, August 26, 2012 through Tuesday, September 25, 2012, unless terminated sooner.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this Sunday, 26th day of August, 2012.

**/S/Bobby Jindal**\_\_\_\_\_  
**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY**  
**THE GOVERNOR**

**/S/Tom Schedler**\_\_\_\_\_  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**