

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE**

**WHEREAS**, Town of Grand Isle and its citizens have suffered tremendously as a result of catastrophic coastal land loss and environmental degradation over the past century, and is currently being threatened with the problem of coastal land loss and environmental degradation resulting from the ongoing and extraordinary influx of freshwater into Town of Grand Isle waterways and estuaries, which will adversely impact the viability of the town economically and culturally significant commercial and recreational industries as well as the health, safety, welfare, and resilience of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Town of Grand Isle has already observed significant damage to its valuable fish, oyster, shellfish, aquaculture crops and wildlife production, including unexplained death and disease among the local dolphin population and undermined damage to other species since the Bonnet Carre Spillway was initially opened months ago; and

**WHEREAS**, Town of Grand Isle now faces the prospect of the Bonnet Carre Spillway being opened for and unprecedented second time in a matter of months and Morganza Spillway likely being opening June 2, 2019. This likely causing a drastic increase in the ongoing influx of freshwater into the town estuaries and waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, Town of Grand Isle recognizes the importance of flood control measures, including the opening of the Bonnet Carre Spillway and Morganza Spillway, taken as a result of the present state of the Mississippi River; and

**WHEREAS**, the very definite threats of irreparable environmental harm and loss of property, and related threats to the health, safety, welfare, and resilience of the citizens of Town of Grand Isle are now imminent; and

**WHEREAS**, such emergency action must be taken now.

**WHEREAS**, I, David J. Camardelle, Mayor of the Town of Grand Isle and Chief Executive Officer, by the authority vested in me by the Louisiana Homeland Assistance and Disaster Act, LA-RS 29:271 et seq., do hereby proclaim;

**A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist within Town of Grand Isle and all the Emergency Preparedness Plans and all Emergency Operations Plans be activated.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all provisions of the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act of 1993 as Amended by Acts 2003 are hereby invoked, effective immediately.

Issued on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019 and is effective at time of issuance.



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David J. Camardelle, Mayor  
Town of Grand Isle