

Executive Branch Executive Order JMR2024-3

ALEXANDRIA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

(ASH Trojans to Go to Championship Game in New Orleans and Other Local Activities)

The Administration of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, finds the following:

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Senior High School Trojans will face Edna Karr in the Division I (Select) LHSAA Prep Classic, December 14, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, due to changing norms and increased risks in modern society, the Alexandria Senior High School football program ("ASH" or "Trojans") will be exposed to unforeseen challenges as the Trojans travel and represent Alexandria both inside and outside of the City; and,

WHEREAS, having local, trained public safety officers familiar with our Trojans and ASH staff escorting, traveling with, and chaperoning the Trojans adds to incident prevention, effective dynamic response, and augmented interoperability with other agencies (in part with the following, the "public purpose"); and,

WHEREAS, the public purpose includes having local, trained public safety experts, particularly in police and fire, familiar with our Trojans and ASH staff, available to create force multiplication for sister agencies and dealing with celebratory events; and,

WHEREAS, the ASH Trojans will be exposed to these increased risks as they celebrate locally and because citizens naturally will desire to, and should, celebrate ASH's excellence, promoting local pride in high schools and high school competition and completion. Accordingly, public safety, other community services, and public works resources (all, the "resources") shall be made reasonably available in partnership with the Rapides Parish School Board, ASH, sister agencies, and political subdivisions of Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, having City staff engaged to respond to impromptu and other celebratory events by an excited ASH cohort, their parents, and loved ones, as well as celebration in other parish schools, to keep our children and families safe and prevent the unintended risks often associated with glee and celebration, the resources shall be marshaled immediately, as needed; and,

WHEREAS, having local officials show support for ASH for its school excellence and the potential for building local pride and increased camaraderie at ASH and all parish schools, at minimum, assists in high school completion and thereby adds to a purely and *declared* public purpose; then

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NOW THEREFORE I, Jacques M. Roy, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, declare these extraordinary circumstances of local accomplishment a special economic and emergency condition in the city of Alexandria and request the cooperation of all divisions, the City Council, and the citizens as stated herein, and for such time as indicated or extended herein, and regarding such additional requests for joint action as may from time to time be updated by other announcements and acts; and all personnel listed herein and supervised hereunder are hereby authorized to undertake any activity authorized by law which is deemed necessary and appropriate in response to this declaration; and all divisions, departments, commissions, boards, agencies and officers of the city are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions the city, other political subdivisions, the state, and other government and private stakeholders may need to take in response to this order—at minimum to:

- 1) Draft appropriate official proclamations and legal orders to effectuate the resources, intergovernmental and cooperative partnerships.
- 2) Authorize necessary overtime or special assistance to effectuate the resources.
- Authorize City engineers and other expert assistance to ensure safety through the resources for planned and impromptu celebratory events.
- 4) Make such declarations in conjunction with the Rapides Parish School Board and Police Jury to allow resources at additional schools wishing to join the celebration of local excellence; and as related thereto, promote and assist with resources in activities beginning Thursday, December 12, 2024, through Sunday, December 15, 2024, and any actions today condition precedent thereto; and to
- Create, co-produce and effectuate to promote through the resources (and use of social media and City media) the celebrations pursuant to the public purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Alexandria, at Alexandria, Louisiana, on this 11th day of December, 2024.

Mayor, City of Alexandria

Witnessed to and confirmed by the City Attorney or Clerk of the City of Alexandria.

City Attorney or City Clerk,

City of Alexandria

