

Executive Branch Executive Order No. JMR2025-1

Office of the Mayor and Incident Command Team Winter Weather/Storm Event (Enzo)

The following are findings by the Office of the Mayor and require heightened action and diligence on the part of all involved personnel by executive order.

Declaration of Emergency

WHEREAS, a public emergency exists due to the National Weather Service reports that a winter weather storm of significant proportions is producing or is expected to produce severe frigid weather and freezing precipitation/snow in the State of Louisiana and potentially in significant fashion in the Central Louisiana area: Effective 2:00 p.m., January 19, 2025, based in part on declarations of the Governor and Rapides Parish, a frigid Arctic airmass is predicted to impact central Louisiana and Alexandria with emergency, dangerous conditions to the health, life, public safety, and property of citizens, at least through Friday, January 24, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. (unless extended or reduced); and,

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued warnings that indicate Alexandria may experience problems such as downed power transmission lines, extremely hazardous travel conditions, and life-threatening freezing temperatures; and,

WHEREAS, it is prudent to prepare for emergency response by the city to address such conditions ahead of the event and following it due to lingering negative effects.

NOW THEREFORE I, Jacques M. Roy, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, hereby declare a state of emergency 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 the threat continues, 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 (including following and relying upon the incident command restructuring of the chain of command); and all divisions, departments, commissions,

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boards, agencies and officers of the city are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions the city, other political subdivisions, the state, the Office of Homeland Security/FEMA and other government and private stakeholders may need to take in response to the effects of this severe weather. The state of emergency extends at minimum through Friday, January 24, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., unless terminated sooner or extended, or as provided by law or gubernatorial executive order.

All divisions, departments, offices and agencies are instructed to follow any incident command action plans to conserve resources and maintain public safety.

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 19th day of January, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

Jacques M. Roy,

Mayor of the City of Alexandria

Attested to by Clerk/City Attorney of the City of Alexandria

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