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## **Ascension President Cointment Declares State of Emergency Ahead of Beta**

On Sunday, September 20, 2020, Ascension Parish President Clint Cointment signed a declaration placing Ascension Parish in a State of Emergency ahead of expected tropical weather from Tropical Storm Beta. The declaration was filed Monday morning with the Clerk of Court's office.

In his reasoning for issuing the declaration, President Cointment stated, "Tropical Storm Beta has the potential for severe weather, including flash flooding, and may cause extensive damage in the Parish of Ascension."

President Cointment went on to say that if Tropical Storm Beta does impact Ascension, the Parish "is in need of emergency actions and support to respond to the incident."

By declaring a state of emergency, President Cointment makes Ascension Parish eligible for state and federal disaster assistance.

Residents needing assistance should call The Citizens Service Center at 225-450-1200, and register for the Everbridge Emergency Alert System when calling.

The state of emergency remains in effect from Sunday September 20, 2020 until Monday, October 19, 2020, "unless terminated sooner."