LOCAL DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY Public Health: COVID-19

WHEREAS, the Parish of Ascension has declared a State of Emergency due to the public health threat from the virus named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes, named "Coronavirus Disease 2019" (abbreviated COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Louisiana Governor John Bell Edwards issued Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 regarding the Public Health Emergency – COVID-19, declaring an imminent threat posed to Louisiana citizens by the virus, creating emergency conditions that threat the lives and health of the citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Louisiana Governor John Bell Edwards issued Proclamation Number 27 JBE 2020, detailing additional measures for COVID-19 with aggressive measures for limiting the possible interaction of the public with individuals exposed to or infected with COVID-19, limiting large public gatherings, closure of schools until April 13, 2020; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Clint Cointment, President of Ascension Parish, do hereby proclaim a state of emergency to exist in Ascension Parish and do direct:

Ascension Parish employees shall report to work locations for normal Parish duties on Monday, March 16, 2020 until further notice. This directive will be re-evaluated as further information becomes available from the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals and the Center for Disease Control.

THIS PROCLAMATION ISSUED AT ASCENSION PARISH ON THIS 13th DAY OF March, 2020, AND EFFECTIVE AT TIME OF ISSUANCE.

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PARISH PRESIDENT

Ascension Parish President