



# Parish of Ascension

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## Cointment Declares State of Emergency Ahead of Tropical Storm Francine

**Gonzales, LA** - Ascension Parish President Clint Cointment has declared a State of Emergency for Ascension Parish in anticipation of Tropical Storm Francine, which is expected to make landfall as Hurricane Francine on Wednesday. The declaration was officially filed with the Clerk of Court's office today.

President Cointment explained his decision by saying, "Francine poses a significant threat of severe weather, including flash flooding, and could potentially cause extensive damage throughout Ascension Parish." He emphasized the urgency of the situation, noting that if Hurricane Francine impacts Ascension Parish as forecasted, the community "will require emergency actions and support to respond to the incident effectively."

This declaration makes Ascension Parish eligible for state and federal disaster assistance, allowing for a more coordinated and effective response to the storm's impacts.

Residents who need assistance are encouraged to call the Ascension Parish Citizens Service Center at 225-450-1200.

Residents are also urged to register for the [Everbridge Emergency Alert System](#) to receive critical updates and information.

The State of Emergency will remain in effect from Monday, September 9, 2024 at 4 P.M. , until further notice.

Please visit [ascensionparish.net](http://ascensionparish.net) and follow us on social media channels for further information and updates.



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OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT

Clint Cointment  
Parish President

## DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, TROPICAL STORM FRANCINE has the potential for severe weather, including flash flooding, and may cause extensive damage in the Parish of Ascension; and

**WHEREAS**, Ascension Parish Government, through Clint Cointment, as Parish President, is empowered to take all necessary measures to ensure the continued safety, health and welfare of the citizens of Ascension, as per law; and,

**WHEREAS**, immediate emergency actions are required to minimize the threat to life and property of the citizens of the Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ascension Parish is in need of emergency actions and support to respond to Tropical Storm Francine.

**THEREFORE**, I, Clint Cointment, President of the Parish of Ascension by the authority vested in me by the Ordinances of the Parish of Ascension, the Louisiana Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act of 1993, and any other acts which may prevail, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exist in the Parish of Ascension. The Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is hereby designated as the point of contact for this action.

THIS PROCLAMATION ISSUED AT ASCENSION PARISH ON THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024 AND EFFECTIVE AT 4:00 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2024.

CLINT COINTMENT  
Parish President