

LOCAL DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C 1061, et seq., has declared that the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) constitutes a national emergency; and

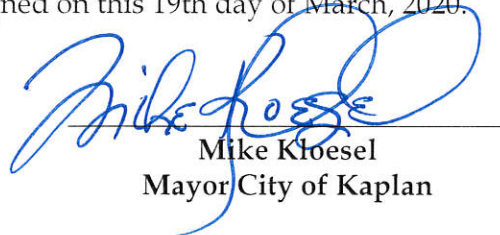
Whereas, on March 11, 2020, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 regarding the Public Health Emergency - COVID-19, declaring an imminent threat posed to Louisiana citizens by the virus, creating emergency conditions that threaten the lives and health of the citizens of the State of Louisiana, pursuant to La. R.S. 29:766; and

Whereas, the City of Kaplan may activate any necessary emergency plans and activities in response to this event and that this may exceed the Parish's capability to respond to this possibly life threatening crisis, and as such the City of Kaplan takes this measure in order to participate in any response and recovery plan administered by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and their power to act as administrator, as per La. R.S. 29:767, and pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance Act as amended, La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*,

Whereas, beginning March 19, 2020 and continuing until terminated, the City of Kaplan declares a State of Emergency in accordance with the provisions of the State Emergency Management Law, and wishes to utilize its resources to the fullest extent; and

Now, therefore be it resolved by the City of Kaplan in Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, convened in Emergency session on March 19, 2020, that it does hereby declare that under the authority of the Board of Alderman and appropriate State Law, a state of emergency exists in the City of Kaplan.

Thus done and signed on this 19th day of March, 2020.



Mike Kloesel
Mayor City of Kaplan