

## STATE OF EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service has issued a flood warning along the length of the Mississippi River with predicted river crests well above flood stage in many locations which, combined with recent weather and forecasted weather conditions across the middle of the nation, create the potential for flooding along the Mississippi River and other tributaries throughout the State of Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Mary Parish waterways are currently at high levels due to recent rainfall. Any substantial rainfall totals may cause local flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Mary Parish must take necessary protection measures and respond to any flooding that may result in a threat to life and property of the Citizens of St. Mary Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, a declaration of emergency is necessary to allow St. Mary Parish to thoroughly prepare for an eventuality and to allow federal agencies and federal resources to be deployed if necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, such action must be taken now; and

**THEREFORE**, I, Sam Jones, President of St. Mary Parish by authority vested in me by the St. Mary Parish Council and the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act (Louisiana Disaster Act) – Louisiana Revised Statute (LRS) Title 29:721-739 do hereby proclaim;

**A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist in the Parish of St. Mary and that all Emergency Preparedness plans be activated.

**DECLARED** on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025 and effective immediately.



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**SAM JONES, PRESIDENT  
ST. MARY PARISH**