

# State of Louisiana



*M. J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.*  
Governor

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** severe winter storms entering the state of Louisiana on December 21, 1998, are resulting in extreme cold temperatures and icy precipitation. The potential exists for wide spread power outages, road and bridge closures; and other hazardous conditions that could endanger lives and property of the citizens of North and Central Louisiana; and
- WHEREAS,** there is an immediate and urgent need to implement emergency protective actions in North and Central Louisiana to alleviate suffering and ensure safety; and
- WHEREAS,** emergency protective actions required could exceed local governments' capacities to adequately and expeditiously respond to needs brought about by this potential disaster.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr., governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim a State of Emergency to exist in North and Central Louisiana, to include the parishes of

*Avoyelles, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Catahoula,  
Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, East Carroll, Franklin, Grant,  
Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches,  
Ouachita, Rapides, Red River, Richland, Union, Vernon,  
Webster, and Winn.*



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this*  
the 23rd day of December  
1998

*M. J. Foster*  
Governor of Louisiana

*Attest By  
The Governor*

*Joseph M. Keithen*  
Secretary of State