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MAYORAL PROCLAMATION TO CONTINUE THE STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE PARTIAL HOTEL COLLAPSE

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the Mayor of the City of New Orleans emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake, or other natural or manmade causes, in order to ensure that preparations of this City will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters, and to preserve the natural resources of the City, lives, and property of the people of the City of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, on the 17th day of October, 2019, I declared pursuant to La. R.S. 29:727 that due to the circumstances recited therein a disaster and state of emergency existed in the City of New Orleans, warranting the use of all extraordinary measures appropriate to ensure public health, safety, welfare, and convenience; and

WHEREAS, the October 17th proclamation recited the specific threat to the health, safety, welfare, and property of the residents of the City of New Orleans due to Potential Tropical Cyclone Sixteen, which greatly exacerbated the risk of further collapse of the partially collapsed building and construction cranes, but is no longer in existence; and

WHEREAS, the remaining threats to the health, safety, welfare, and property of the residents of the City of New Orleans are still in existence due to the partial demolition of the construction cranes, which have collapsed onto the remaining structure; the continued deterioration of the partially collapsed hotel, which is unsafe and is in imminent danger of further collapse; and the continued exposure to non-tropical but potentially dangerous weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, engineers' inspections have shown that the remaining structure is unsafe, a clear threat to human life and public safety, and must be demolished in full; and

WHEREAS, preparations of this City must be adequate to deal with the imminent threats to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of New Orleans and emergency actions must be taken if necessary;

NOW THEREFORE, I, LATOYA CANTRELL, Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of the City of New Orleans and the Parish of Orleans, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of New Orleans by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Home Rule Charter and laws of the City of New Orleans, do hereby declare pursuant to La. R.S. 29:727 that due to the above-recited circumstances and the circumstances cited in the proclamation dated October 17, 2019, a state of emergency continues to exist in the City of New Orleans, warranting the use of all extraordinary measures appropriate to ensure public health, safety, welfare, and convenience.

All operative provisions of my Mayoral Proclamation of Emergency Due to Potential Tropical Cyclone Sixteen and Partial Hotel Collapse dated October 17, 2019, shall remain in full force and effect to deal with the specific circumstances cited therein, the above-recited circumstances, and the evolving threats to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of New Orleans due to the partial hotel collapse referenced herein.

The City Attorney is directed to file this proclamation promptly in the office of the Clerk of Court.

IN WITNESS wherefore I have fixed my hand in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana on this 28th day of January, 2020.



LATOYA CANTRELL, MAYOR