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Citizens of East Baton Rouge Parish:

I am pleased to present you with the East Baton Rouge Parish All Hazards Emergency Operations Plan. When I assumed office in January 2005, this administration began with a vision to provide a green light for solutions to traffic, safe neighborhoods, a quality education system and an open government. I recognize the responsibility incumbent upon my office to provide a safe and secure environment to fully realize the success of this initiative.

The East Baton Rouge Parish All Hazards Emergency Operations Plan serves as a framework for **prevention**, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery to the natural, technological and man-made hazards that could potentially affect our great parish. I pledge the full support of my administration to the public safety professionals and partners who have been tasked with the vital mission outlined within this plan.

I urge the citizens we serve and our private partners to become familiar with their important roles in response to any hazard that may affect our community. Together, working as a team dedicated to the future and security of our neighborhoods, we will safely recover from any event that may threaten what we have created.

I am confident, as we work together to build a stronger future for our community, we will succeed in providing a safer, sustainable community for generations to come.

Sincerely

Melvin "Kip" Holden
Mayor-President

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