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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The geographic location of the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge lends to the great likelihood that natural disaster, such as flood, tornado, or hurricane will occur. This coupled with the fact that the Greater Baton Rouge area has been declared a "high risk" area for enemy attack, is a compelling reason why we at the East Baton Rouge Parish **Mayor's** Office of Emergency Preparedness take the posture that we will prepare for the worst while hoping for the best.

The Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge addresses its responsibility under law and defines coordination of effort among government agencies to insure protection of life and property of our citizens during times of emergency.

In a sense we are fortunate in East Baton Rouge Parish to have already faced many grave problems, as we were able to overcome disaster via proper execution of pre-written and exercised plans. This could not have been achieved without benefit of excellent leadership, qualified planning staff, and the remarkable resources made available to us from all government levels.

In this regard, I hereby request each Department of this Government to carefully read the situations and assumptions along with the concept of operations so that when it becomes necessary to execute the plan, there will be no doubt as to each department's role, what is expected from your department, and what you should expect from other departments.

Sincerely,

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