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July 20, 2016

Mrs. Sandra Vujnovich
Judicial Administrator
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Dear Mrs. Vujnovich:

The following is a copy of the Declaration of Emergency per our recent conversation regarding the closure of the Iberville Parish Courthouse due to asbestos abatement beginning Tuesday, July 26, 2016 through Friday, August 5, 2016. During the closure, Judge Elizabeth Engolio (Division "D"), myself and our staff will still be working.

The following is contact information for Judge Engolio:
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Judge Elizabeth Engolio, Judge Alvin Batiste and Hearing Officer Brandy Blanchard will hold all scheduled court proceedings at Plaquemine City Hall located at 23640 Railroad Avenue, Plaquemine, LA 70764.

Judge James Best's court originally scheduled for August 2, 2016 in Plaquemine, LA will take place at the New Roads Courthouse located at 201 East Main Street, New Roads, LA 70760. His office can be reached at 225-638-5532.

The Iberville Parish Clerk of Court's Criminal and Civil Department is temporarily relocating to the Iberville Parish Library located at 24605 J. Gerald Benet Blvd., Plaquemine, LA 70764. Any fax filings can be sent to 225-687-9719.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter please contact me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alvin Batiste, Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alvin Batiste, Jr.
Chief Judge, 18th Judicial District

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

JUSTIFICATION FOR EMERGENCY

**ASBESTOS ABATEMENT/HVAC REPLACEMENT AT IBERVILLE PARISH
COURTHOUSE**

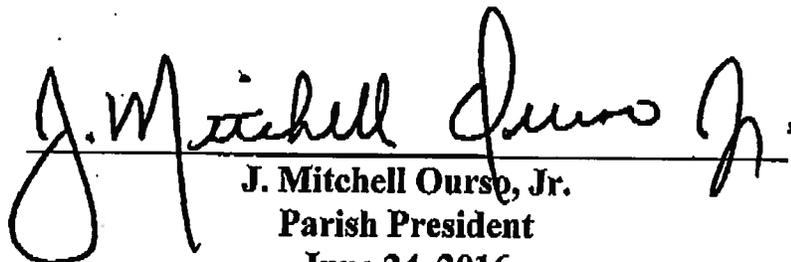
Whereas the Iberville Parish Council is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Iberville Parish Courthouse located in Plaquemine, Louisiana. The HVAC (heating/air conditioning and ventilation system) system that controls the temperature and humidity within the entire courthouse facility has been unable to properly maintain the temperature and humidity within the building, which can possibly lead to unhealthy situations and create a work environment that is not suitable or healthy for the workers in the courthouse and general public.

The Building Maintenance Director has certified that the HVAC system is not capable of functioning properly and that total failure of the HVAC system is imminent.

The daily temperature and humidity are high and will continue to rise for several more months. It is imperative that the HVAC system be replaced immediately in order to properly maintain the temperature and humidity in the Courthouse.

The Building Maintenance Director has determined that asbestos is located in component parts of the HVAC system piping. The asbestos must be removed in order to repair the HVAC system. The removal of the asbestos will require specific safety measures in order to protect the courthouse employees and public, including closure of the Courthouse during certain phases.

Based upon the above , I hereby declare that this situation is an emergency and the asbestos abatement and HVAC replacement must be made immediately. In accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 38:2212(D), an emergency has been declared for Iberville Parish Courthouse to replace the HVAC system and asbestos abatement associated with the HVAC system piping.



J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr.
Parish President

June 24, 2016