

**A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT CONCERNING  
ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE / ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSURE  
ASSOCIATED WITH HURRICANE FRANCINE**

**Hurricane Francine**

**WHEREAS**, as Mayor of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, the undersigned declared and proclaimed that a “state of emergency” exists in the City, as of 12:00 p.m. (noon), central time, on September 11, 2024, as a result of an imminent threat of a “natural disaster” resulting from Hurricane Francine and related conditions (tropical rains, winds, storm surge, lightening, flooding, etc.) projected to commence in the area on or about September 11-12, 2024, and impact an area that includes the City of Gulfport, and that, as the Executive/Administrative Officer of the City of Gulfport and under authority of § 45-17-3, et seq., *Miss. Code Ann.*, and related statutes, the undersigned found and declared that a “Civil Emergency” existed in the City of Gulfport, Mississippi and/or under authority of § 33-15-17(d), et seq., *Miss. Code Ann.* and related statutes, the undersigned found and declared that a “**Local Emergency**” presently exists in the City of Gulfport, Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Mississippi has declared and proclaimed, pursuant to authority vested in him by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 and § 33-15-11(b)(17), that as of September 10, 2024, a State of Emergency exists in the State of Mississippi as a result of the impending impact of Hurricane Francine; and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned has determined that as of 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, the administrative functions of the City cannot operate due to the threat and damaging effects of Hurricane Francine and related conditions and the undersigned has determined that it is necessary to implement an administrative closure and for all City Departments to cease operations as set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that due to a natural disaster, or imminent threat thereof, within the geographic limits of the City of Gulfport causing or threatening to cause injury or death to persons and/or destruction of property to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare, as of ***12:00 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday, September 11, 2024***, the City is in a period of closure of the administrative functions of the City pursuant to Section 10.11 of the City’s Employee Handbook. ***This period of administrative closure shall be effective for all employees of the City of***

**Gulfport.** Pay to essential and non-essential employees shall be made in accord with Section 10.11 of the City's Employee Handbook.

*This administrative closure shall be lifted and no longer be in effect as of 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2024.* All affected employees are required to return to regular work or otherwise report to work at their regular times thereafter.

**SO ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED** on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

  
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**MAYOR**

Filed and Attested by:

  
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**City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk**