

COURT OF APPEAL
THIRD CIRCUIT
STATE OF LOUISIANA

DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the Governor of Louisiana in his Proclamation 108 JBE 2020 of August 21, 2020, has declared a state of emergency exists statewide as a result of the imminent threat posed by Hurricane Laura,

WHEREAS, La.R.S. 38:2212(P)(1)(a) of the Louisiana Public Bid Law exempts a public entity from the statute's mandatory requirements for advertising and letting by contract of public works to be done by said entity upon a declaration of the existence of a public emergency, published in the official journal within ten days or as soon as practicable thereafter,

WHEREAS, Hurricane Laura has wrought catastrophic damage to the Third Circuit Court of Appeal courthouse building located at 1000 Main Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana,

WHEREAS, said damage has rendered the courthouse non-functionable in the administration of its judicial duties,

WHEREAS, the need for future functionality to address the judicial concerns of litigants is great, and

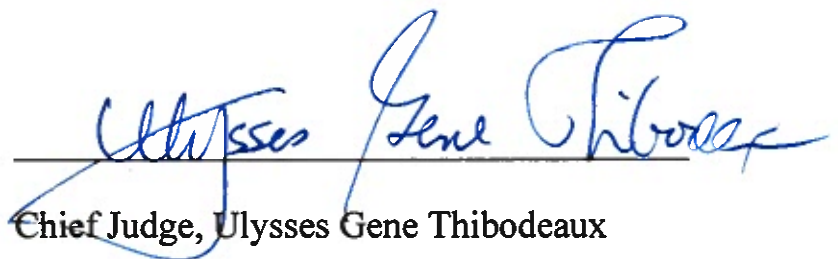
WHEREAS, the nature of the damages warrant the expediency of repair so to prevent further damage:

Acting in accordance with the Louisiana Constitution, Article V, Section 1, and the inherent power of this court, and considering the catastrophic damage wrought by Hurricane Laura to the courthouse building and the detriment to litigants resulting therefrom:

WE HEREBY DECLARE a public emergency exists pursuant to the provisions of La.R.S. 38:2212(P)(1)(a) of the Louisiana Public Bid Law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this declaration be published in the official journal within ten days or as soon as practicable here from.

THUS DONE AND DECLARED in Lake Charles, Louisiana on this 8th day of September, 2020.


Chief Judge, Ulysses Gene Thibodeaux