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## **Gov. Edwards Declares State of Emergency**

**BATON ROUGE** — Gov. John Bel Edwards declared a state of emergency today following the severe weather in north Louisiana that killed at least two people Thursday morning. The declaration is in effect until May 25, 2019.

“First and foremost, Donna and I send our prayers and condolences to the families of those who were killed this morning and to the people of north Louisiana. We are grateful for the local officials and emergency responders who quickly took action in the immediate aftermath of these storms,” Gov. Edwards said. “Assistance is already on the move to the affected parishes, and the state will use every available resource to help citizens and local governments rebuild and recover. At this time, we are continuing to assess the ground conditions in Ruston and the surrounding areas, and we are monitoring weather conditions throughout the state. Storms in Louisiana are not over today, and I urge citizens to closely monitor local media for weather-related information and stay safe.”

Click [here](#) to read the complete text of the declaration.

Information for the public regarding roads is available at [511la.org](http://511la.org). Additionally, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is constantly updating their social media accounts and has emergency resources available at [getagameplan.org](http://getagameplan.org) and at [emergency.la.gov](http://emergency.la.gov).

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