DISASTER PROCLAMATION VERMILION PARISH

WHEREAS, the Parish of VERMILION is presently faced with a pending Emergency due to Public Health Emergency COVID-19

WHEREAS, there is a very definite threat to life of the citizens of this Parish; and

WHEREAS, the threat is of such nature as to warrant immediate Emergency Action to minimize the effects and loss of life; and;

THEREFORE, <u>Dane Hebert</u>, President of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury by authority vested in me by the Parish Charter, and the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act, La. R.S. 29:760 and La R.S. 29:766(A), do hereby proclaim;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak as a worldwide pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, a Louisiana resident, pursuant to CDC protocol, was tested for COVID-19, with the test being presumptively positive;

WHEREAS, in the last two days, several more Louisiana residents have tested presumptively positive for COVID-19;

A STATE OF EMERGENCY TO EXIST WITHIN THE parish of Vermilion and that all Emergency Preparedness Plans and the Parish All Hazard Emergency Operations Plan be activated, and to use the Parish resources to the fullest. It is further announced that the Vermilion Parish Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness Director, Rebecca M. Broussard (337) 898-4308, has been designated as the point of contact for all responsible activities relating to this emergency.

Issued on this <u>12</u> day of <u>March</u>, 2020, and effective at time of issuance until Thursday, April 9, 2020 unless terminated sooner.

President, Vermilion Parish Police Jury

STOP the SPREAD

Take these simple actions every day to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds — especially after using the bathroom or blowing your nose, and before eating.



In addition to soap and water, or if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.



Cover your cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue.



Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.



Stay away from people who are sick.



Stay home when you are sick.



Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces regularly.



If you think you are sick, call your doctor and ask what you should do.

