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## PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 4:45 P.M.  
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### **Lafourche Parish Declares State of Emergency Due to Tropical Disturbance in the Gulf *Sandbags Available at All Field Office Locations***

Due to the heavy rainfall expected from the tropical weather system in the Gulf of Mexico, Lafourche Parish President Charlotte Randolph has declared a State of Emergency for Lafourche Parish, effective as of 4:00 P.M. today. The National Weather Service (N.W.S.) this afternoon indicated that parts of Lafourche could see over 18 inches of rain through Monday.

Due to the possibility of flooding, sandbags are available at all Lafourche Parish Field Office locations:

- **Thibodaux Field Office:** 2565 Veterans Boulevard
- **Raceland Field Office:** 129 Texas Street
- **Lockport Field Office:** 6236 Hwy 308
- **Galliano/Cut Off Field Office:** 128 West 97th Street
- **Choctaw Field Office:** 122 Choctaw Barn Road
- **Bayou Blue Field Office:** 104 Myrtle Place

As of 2:00 P.M., the N.W.S. indicated that the entirety of Lafourche Parish could see upwards of 12 inches of rainfall through Monday, with the possibility of coastal areas receiving over 18 inches. Rainfall remains the biggest threat with this system, with the possibility of strong winds, funnel clouds and water spouts. This system has an 80 percent chance to develop into a tropical storm or hurricane prior to making landfall.

Public Works Director Kerry Babin now indicates that all Public Works personnel will continue working throughout the duration of this storm event to assist the residents with any problems that arise.

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