

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER HM 26-17

OFFICE OF COORDINATION AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, The New Orleans Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (“NOHSEP”) is an executive branch operational unit attached to the Mayor’s Office responsible for coordinating citywide preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts for natural disasters, public health emergencies, and other large-scale incidents; managing the City’s Emergency Operations Center; developing and maintaining emergency plans; supporting interagency coordination among local, state, federal, and community partners; and leading public communication and community preparedness initiatives through the NOLA Ready program; and

WHEREAS, NOHSEP was established in 2008 through the merger of the Office of Emergency Preparedness and the Office of Homeland Security;

WHEREAS, The reference to “homeland security” in NOHSEP’s current name creates confusion among residents and public officials regarding the role of the office, giving rise to the inaccurate impression that the office is wholly responsible for matters within the purview of the similarly named federal Department of Homeland Security, such as counter-terrorism, immigration enforcement and cyber-security;

WHEREAS, The Mayor has authority under Article IV, Section 2 of the Home Rule Charter to establish policies and procedures relative to the executive branch of government, to exercise all executive and administrative work of the City, and to coordinate administrative activities, including the Office of the Mayor and its constituent functional units;

NOW THEREFORE, I, HELENA MORENO, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of New Orleans by Section 4-206(3) of the New Orleans Home Rule Charter and other applicable law, **DO HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1. Effective Date.** This Executive Order shall become effective upon execution.
- 2. Redesignation of NOHSEP.** The establishment of the executive branch office formerly known as the New Orleans Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (“NOHSEP”) is hereby ratified, and said office shall hereafter be designated as the New Orleans Office of Coordination and Emergency Management (“NOCEM”). All powers, duties, and responsibilities previously carried out by NOHSEP as of the effective date of this Executive Order shall continue unchanged under the NOCEM designation. NOCEM shall be the City’s lead

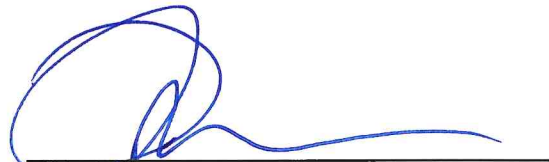
coordination agency with respect to the allocation and deployment of public-safety assets and resources in connection with emergencies, special events, and other extraordinary circumstances.

3. Duties of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety. Consistent with the requirements of Executive Order HM-01, the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety shall continue to have oversight and coordination responsibilities relative to NOCEM.

4. Continuity of Existing Provision of Law and Contract. To avoid any inconsistency with existing law resulting from the redesignation of NOHSEP as NOCEM, any reference to NOHSEP, the Office of Emergency Preparedness, the Office of Homeland Security, or the Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security in existing executive orders, contracts, or provisions of law, including without limitation City Code §§ 2-8; 2-13; 26-20; 30-1088; 30-1288; 50-86; 54-30; 62-57; 66-258; 90-91; 146-8, shall hereafter be deemed to refer to NOCEM. References to the director of homeland security or the director of NOHSEP in existing contracts or provisions of law, including without limitation City Code §§ 2-11, shall hereafter refer to the director of NOCEM.

5. Duration. This Executive Order shall remain effective until amended, rescinded, or terminated in accordance with applicable law. In the event of any inconsistency between this Executive Order and a previously issued Executive Order, the provisions of this instrument shall control.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026 AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.



Helena Moreno
Mayor
City of New Orleans