

LATOYA CANTRELL, MAYOR  
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
LC 24-02

HURRICANE KATRINA 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ADVISORY COMMISSION

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Katrina made landfall as a Category 3 storm on August 29, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Katrina produced a 20-foot storm surge with winds reaching speeds of 120 miles per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, The Federal levee system collapsed, flooding 80% of New Orleans; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, the storm is often referred to as one of the worst hurricanes in U.S. history, including the loss of an estimated 1,300 lives and estimated \$125 billion in damages throughout the City and Gulf Coast region; and

**WHEREAS**, 2025 will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, providing a vital opportunity to honor the lives lost and acknowledge the enduring impact of the disaster on the people, communities, and culture of New Orleans; and

**WHEREAS**, the commemoration of Hurricane Katrina's 20th anniversary offers a chance to reflect on the resilience, courage, and unity displayed by New Orleanians in the face of adversity, highlighting the strength of community bonds that were reinforced during the recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, marking this anniversary underscores the significance of disaster preparedness, climate resilience, and equitable recovery, serving as an educational platform to enhance public understanding and inspire continued commitment to safeguarding the city's future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of New Orleans desires to establish a Hurricane Katrina 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission as a mayoral advisory committee to assist in curating educational and cultural events to commemorate the legacy the City and her people's ability to be resilient in overcoming the effects of disasters and any emergency that comes our way; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission aims to create educational initiatives that will inform future generations about the profound impacts of Hurricane Katrina on the community, infrastructure, and culture of New Orleans, as well as lessons learned in resilience and preparedness; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission will curate and recommend a series of commemorative events, projects, and partnerships designed to celebrate New Orleans' recovery and to support ongoing efforts in resilience, climate adaptation, and community revitalization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission shall promote a greater understanding of the City’s response and recovery journey, highlighting the collaborative efforts of individuals, organizations, and governmental agencies that contributed to New Orleans’ revival and sustained progress over the last 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hurricane Katrina 20th Anniversary Commission will encourage community engagement, ensuring that residents’ voices are at the heart of the anniversary’s reflections and that stories of personal strength and community solidarity are prominently shared.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LATOYA CANTRELL**, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of New Orleans, by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, and the Home Rule Charter and laws of the City of New Orleans, **HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS**:

1. Effective Date

This Executive Order is effective upon the date of its issuance.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Executive Order is to create the Hurricane Katrina 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission as a Mayoral Advisory Committee pursuant to Section 4-104 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans.

3. Membership

The Hurricane Katrina 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission shall be composed of individuals selected by the Mayor from a cross-section of the New Orleans community.

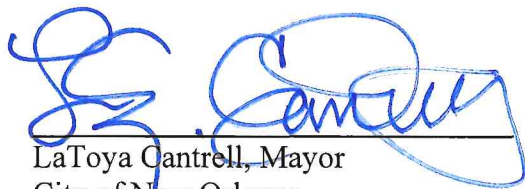
4. Hurricane Katrina 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission

The Hurricane Katrina 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission shall be charged with advising the Mayor of recommended events and opportunities to showcase the resiliency of New Orleans and educate the public of the story of Hurricane Katrina.

5. Duration

This Mayoral Advisory Committee shall remain in effect for a term of one year from enactment but can be reappointed from year to year.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December, 2024  
AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

  
LaToya Cantrell, Mayor  
City of New Orleans