

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the safety and well-being of our citizens are of the utmost importance; and
- Whereas,** the citizens of West Virginia regularly experience threats from severe weather including excess rainfall, damaging winds, flooding, and thunderstorms; and
- Whereas,** severe weather impacts every individual in every region of the state, affecting schools, businesses, personal lives, and the economy on a local and state level; and
- Whereas,** the State of West Virginia, Emergency Management Division identifies severe weather and flooding as some of the costliest types of natural disasters in West Virginia, in terms of lives lost, injuries and property damage; and
- Whereas,** the loss of life and property during severe weather can be greatly reduced if West Virginians take appropriate preparedness measures before, during and after severe weather strikes; and
- Whereas,** *Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week* gives the State of West Virginia the opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for and understanding severe weather in West Virginia, and to encourage all citizens to better prepare their homes, businesses, and communities for severe weather of all types; and
- Whereas,** this year marks the 50th anniversary of the deadly 1974 tornado outbreak that struck six counties in southern West Virginia, resulting in one fatality, highlighting the need for continuous vigilance and preparedness efforts; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia Emergency Management Division, in collaboration with the National Weather Service, Ready West Virginia, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD), media partners, and other local, state, and federal agencies, is committed to providing safety and severe weather preparedness information to citizens throughout the state.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 18-24, 2024* as:


### *Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance by practicing their severe weather emergency plan during the Statewide Tornado Safety drill on Wednesday, March 20, 2024.


**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twelfth day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State