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Gov. Justice proclaims November Infrastructure Security Month in West Virginia

State joins national campaign focusing on security and role of critical infrastructure

CHARLESTON, W.Va.— Gov. Jim Justice has proclaimed November as Infrastructure Security month in West Virginia. State agencies, including the <u>Emergency Management Division</u> (EMD), will support the U.S. Department of Homeland Security <u>Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency</u> (CISA) to enhance recognition of the important role of critical infrastructure security and resilience.

As stated in his proclamation, Gov. Justice recognizes the vital role the State of West Virginia plays in protecting, sustaining, and ensuring the resiliency of the Nation's critical infrastructure.

Read Governor Justice's proclamation.

"Maintaining the security of critical infrastructure is a shared responsibility," said GE McCabe, Director of the West Virginia Emergency Management Division. "We work with our partners every day to reinforce the security and resiliency of infrastructure in West Virginia."

Throughout November, EMD will encourage everyone to get involved to help make our Nation's infrastructure stronger and more resilient.

EMD will support CISA by encouraging employees and the <u>whole community</u> to do their part at home, at work, and in local neighborhoods by being <u>prepared for all hazards</u>, <u>reporting suspicious activities</u>, and learning more about <u>critical infrastructure security</u> and resilience.

Securing critical infrastructure and ensuring its resilience is a shared responsibility of federal, state, local, and private sector partners, as well as individual citizens. Just as everyone relies upon critical infrastructure, everyone must play an active role in keeping it strong, secure and resilient.

There are many simple and easy ways to get involved to improve critical infrastructure security and resilience:

- Educate employees about critical infrastructure security and resilience
- Plan for <u>business continuity</u>
- Share threat and incident information
- Report suspicious activity
- Prepare for all hazards

More information can be found at https://www.cisa.gov/infrastructure-security. Information on types of hazards and how to prepare is available at Ready.gov

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