

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, beginning on the December 27, 2021, excessive rainfall has caused ground saturation throughout West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service predicts additional rainfall throughout the weekend which may exacerbate the current ground conditions, causing a threat to the health, safety, welfare and property of the citizens of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, it has been deemed necessary and beneficial to declare a State of Preparedness, pursuant to West Virginia Code § 15-5-6, for all 55 counties of the State of West Virginia to prepare for such adverse conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM JUSTICE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, and in view of the foregoing, do hereby **FIND AND DECLARE** that a State of Preparedness exists and continues throughout all 55 counties of West Virginia, said State of Preparedness to remain in effect for thirty days unless earlier terminated by subsequent Proclamation. In response to this State of Preparedness, I have **INVOKED** the emergency powers set forth in West Virginia Code § 15-5-6; **UTILIZED** the Emergency Operations Plan, as necessary; **ORDERED** appropriate personnel and resources to be prepared to mobilize and respond to any emergency that may develop and for which such personnel and resources are required; and **DELEGATED** certain administrative powers to the Director of the West Virginia Emergency Management Division, as necessary, to facilitate the provision of essential emergency services.

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 in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this twenty-ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One, in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth year of the State.



James Justice
GOVERNOR

By the State

Mpc Warner
SECRETARY OF STATE