

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**At Charleston**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, there was previously issued that certain Proclamation dated the Twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen, relating to a ban on outdoor burning due to dry weather conditions, low water levels in many communities, and an increasing potential for forest fires in all fifty-five counties of the State (the “September 20<sup>th</sup> Proclamation”); and

**WHEREAS**, the September 20<sup>th</sup> Proclamation contained certain exclusions from the restrictions on outdoor burning based upon the use and responsibility of certain activities, said exclusions numbered (1)(a) through (1)(e); and

**WHEREAS**, in consultation with the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources and the Division of Forestry, certain fires built for warming or cooking within fireplaces or fire rings at designated federal and state recreation areas, provided area managers have the authority and discretion to continue the ban on open burning within any designated areas, have also been identified and recommended for exclusion from said outdoor burning ban because of the responsible and supervised nature of such burning at such designated areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the September 20<sup>th</sup> Proclamation remains in effect, except as modified herein, until rescinded by further Proclamation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Justice**, Governor of the State of West Virginia, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by section five, article three, chapter twenty of the

Code of West Virginia, and subject to the continuing and ultimate authority of the Governor to act in matters which affect the lives and property of residents of the State, do hereby amend the September 20<sup>th</sup> Proclamation by adding the following subparagraph (1)(f) to the list of exclusions from banned burning contained therein:

- f. Fires built for warming or cooking within fireplaces or fire rings at designated federal and state recreation areas, provided area managers have the authority and discretion to continue the ban on open burning within any designated areas.

Further, I **PROCLAIM** that the September 20<sup>th</sup> Proclamation shall remain in effect, as amended herein, until rescinded by further Proclamation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.



**By the Governor**

**DONE** at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, on this the Twenty-third day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-seventh year of the State.

  
**GOVERNOR**

  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**