

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1-20

By the Governor

WHEREAS, the State of West Virginia is facing a terrible drug epidemic and every town, city, and county in West Virginia – urban and rural – has been and continues to be affected; and

WHEREAS, the West Virginia Constitution confers upon the Governor the duty to faithfully execute the laws of the State of West Virginia, and to support local law enforcement in investigating, arresting, and prosecuting drug traffickers; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia law enforcement is facing unprecedented challenges in stopping the flow of illegal narcotics into our communities and every law enforcement jurisdiction in West Virginia is affected; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia’s drug task forces play a critical role in the fight to stem the spread of addiction, which is why I believe it is absolutely essential that the State supports their efforts; and

WHEREAS, using technology to combat the drug epidemic aligns with my administration’s goal to use the most modern and innovative means to improve State services; and

WHEREAS, this Executive Order includes the creation of a 21st century law enforcement unit to use state-of-the-art data analytics, forensic accounting, and support to every West Virginia law enforcement agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM JUSTICE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT** that:

The West Virginia Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety shall promptly create, as a subunit of the State of West Virginia Intelligence Fusion Center, a Narcotics Intelligence Unit for the purpose of aiding West Virginia task forces and law enforcement agencies in the administration of criminal justice, including assisting in the detection, apprehension, detention, prosecution, and adjudication of accused persons or criminal offenders.

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, this ninth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh year of the State.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE