

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** West Virginians face diverse severe weather threats each year from deadly flooding, crippling windstorms, snowstorms and tornadoes; 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, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management 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,** *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 and flooding in West Virginia, and to encourage all citizens to better prepare their homes, businesses, and communities for severe weather of all types; and
- Whereas,** the State of West Virginia, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, in conjunction with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service, is observing *Severe Weather Awareness Week* on March 16-20; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, in cooperation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service, and other local, state and federal agencies is committed to providing 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 16-20, 2020* as:

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 Tuesday, March 17, 2020.


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 Ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State