

# STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

### A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with my authority as Governor, I declared a State of Emergency in Cabell, Lincoln, Putnam and Wayne counties, West Virginia, on the sixteenth day of February, Two Thousand Twenty-one, because of a severe winter storm event that caused power outages and road blockages; and

**WHEREAS**, in anticipation of further severe winter storms expected, I declared a State of preparedness for the remaining counties throughout West Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to expand the scope of the State of Emergency declared on the sixteenth day of February, Two Thousand Twenty-one to include additional counties in West Virginia.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM JUSTICE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of West Virginia, and in view of the foregoing, do hereby **FIND AND DECLARE** that the State of Emergency proclaimed on the sixteenth day of February, Two Thousand Twenty-one, is hereby expanded to include Jackson and Mason Counties, West Virginia, in addition to Cabell, Lincoln, Putnam and Wayne counties, West Virginia. In response to this State of Emergency, I have **INVOKED** the emergency powers set forth in section six, article five chapter fifteen of the Code of West Virginia; **UTILIZED** the Emergency Operations Plan, as necessary; **ORDERED** appropriate personnel and resources to mobilize and respond to the emergency; 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. **FURTHER**, the previously declared State of Preparedness remains in effect for the remaining forty-nine counties in West Virginia.

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 State**

**DONE** at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this Eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-one, in the One Hundred Fifty-eighth year of the State.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James E. Guiney".

**GOVERNOR**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mac Warner".

**SECRETARY OF STATE**