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.

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.

By the State

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE