

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

At Charleston

**A PROCLAMATION**

By the Governor

**WHEREAS**, beginning on August 15, 2021, excessive rainfall has caused some flash flooding and ground saturation throughout West Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service predicts additional rainfall throughout the week which may be exacerbated by the remnants of tropical storm Fred, causing a threat to the health, safety, welfare and property of the citizens of West Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been deemed necessary and beneficial to declare a State of Preparedness, pursuant to West Virginia Code § 15-5-6, for all 55 counties of the State of West Virginia to prepare for such adverse conditions; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM JUSTICE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, and in view of the foregoing, do hereby **FIND AND DECLARE** that a State of Preparedness exists and continues throughout all 55 counties of West Virginia, said State of Preparedness to remain in effect for thirty days unless earlier terminated by subsequent Proclamation. In response to this State of Preparedness, I have **INVOKED** the emergency powers set forth in West Virginia Code § 15-5-6; **UTILIZED** the Emergency Operations Plan, as necessary; **ORDERED** appropriate personnel and resources to be prepared to mobilize and respond to any emergency that may develop and for which such personnel and resources are required; 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.

**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 Sixteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One, in the One Hundred Fifty-ninth year of the State.

*James E. Justice*  
**GOVERNOR**

*Mac Warner*  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**