

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2-22

By the Governor

WHEREAS, on Twenty-Fourth day of February, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, Russian President Vladimir Putin issued a videotaped Declaration of War by Russia against Ukraine and further denounced Ukraine’s sovereignty, and Russia proceeded to have Russian Troops begin an air and ground assault against Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 60, Article 3A, Section 2 and Chapter 60, Article 3A, Section 17 of the Code of West Virginia authorizes the West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration (“WVABCA”) Commissioner to, among other things, control the wholesale sale of liquor to retail liquor outlets licensed in the State of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Governor desires to express West Virginia’s solidarity with the people of Ukraine and the hope for a peaceful outcome of this Russian war against Ukraine by directing the WVABCA Commissioner to, until further notice, halt all sales of Russian made liquor brands; and

WHEREAS, the Governor further requests all licensed retail liquor outlets in West Virginia to remove the above-mentioned Russian-made alcohol products from their shelves and not sell the products until further notice; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM JUSTICE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Governor of West Virginia, hereby **ORDER**, effective immediately, as follows:

1. The WVABCA Commissioner to halt all sales of Russian-made liquor brands, including, but not limited to, Russian Standard Vodka USA-Roust International, MHW dba Beluga Vodka, Blue Spring Imports – Moskovskaya, and Klin Spirits - Hammer & Sickle Russian Vodka, until further notice.
2. The WVABCA Commissioner to order and make Ukrainian-made liquor brands available for purchase by licensed retail liquor outlets, including, but not limited to, MHW LTD dba Conecuh Ridge Distillery – Nemiroff Vodka, depending on availability.

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 Twenty-Eighth day of February, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth Year of the State.



GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE

