

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

At Charleston

**A PROCLAMATION**

By the Governor

**WHEREAS**, beginning on the November 10, 2023, a water main break at West Virginia American Water Company flooded Mountaineer Gas company's gas distribution system, leading to an outage affecting about 1,100 customers on the West Side of Charleston, West Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, it is expected that the outage will continue for at least seven to ten days as Mountaineer Gas Company works to address the problem as quickly as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of the natural gas outage pose a severe and continuing threat to the health, safety, welfare and property of the citizens of West Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with my authority as Governor, I have declared a State of Emergency for Kanawha County, on November 15, 2023.

**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 Emergency exists and continues in Kanawha County, said State of Emergency to remain in effect for thirty days unless terminated by subsequent Proclamation. In response to this State of Emergency, I have **INVOKED** the emergency powers set forth in West Virginia Code §15-15-6; **UTILIZED** the Emergency Operations Plan, as necessary; **ORDERED** appropriate personnel and resources, as may be deemed necessary, 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.

**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 Fifteenth Day of November, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, in the One Hundred Sixty-First Year of the State.

*James Justice*  
**GOVERNOR**

*Mac Warner*  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**