

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, beginning on February 16, 2023, adverse weather conditions including rain and widespread flooding are affecting or may affect all 55 Counties; and

WHEREAS, the effects of the rainfall pose a severe and continuing threat to the health, safety, welfare, and property of the citizens of the State of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with my authority as Governor, I have declared a State of Emergency for all 55 Counties on February 16, 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 for all 55 Counties, said State of Emergency to remain in effect for thirty days unless earlier terminated by subsequent Proclamation. In response to this State of Emergency, I have **INVOKED** the emergency powers set forth in W. Va. Code § 15-5-6; **UTILIZED** the Emergency Operations Plan, as necessary; **ORDERED** appropriate personnel and resources to mobilize and respond to the emergency, as determined to be necessary; 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.

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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 Sixteenth Day of February, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, in the One Hundred Sixtieth Year of the State.



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

GOVERNOR

By the State

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

SECRETARY OF STATE