

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

At Charleston

**A PROCLAMATION**

By the Governor

**WHEREAS**, developing weather patterns suggest Hurricane Helene, a significant storm event, followed by heavy rains, high winds, and other adverse weather events is likely to impact the southern portion of the State of West Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service predicts heavy rains and high winds beginning Thursday, September 26, 2024, continuing throughout the week and into the coming weekend, potentially posing 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 Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Summers, Wayne, Webster, and Wyoming Counties of the State of West Virginia to prepare for such adverse conditions;

**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 Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Summers, Wayne, Webster, and Wyoming Counties of West Virginia, said State of Preparedness to remain in effect for thirty days unless 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 prepare to mobilize and respond to any emergency that may develop; 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.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this Twenty-Sixth Day of September, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, in the One Hundred Sixty-Second Year of the State.



*James Justice*  
GOVERNOR

By the State

*Mpc Warner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE