

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

At Charleston

**A PROCLAMATION**

By the Governor

**WHEREAS**, On July 26, 2024, I, Governor Jim Justice, declared a State of Emergency due to drought conditions throughout West Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Drought Monitor indicates that extreme drought conditions continue to exist in certain counties of West Virginia, with moderate or severe drought conditions throughout the State; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to West Virginia Code § 15-5-6, it has been deemed necessary and beneficial to extend the State of Emergency for an additional 30 days for all 55 counties of West Virginia to most effectively respond to drought 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 Emergency exists and continues throughout all 55 counties of West Virginia, said State of Emergency to remain in effect for an additional thirty days unless earlier terminated by subsequent Proclamation. In response to this State of Emergency, 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-Third Day of August, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, in the One Hundred Sixty-Second 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 "Mac Warner".

**SECRETARY OF STATE**