

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, developing weather patterns suggest a significant winter storm event followed by dangerous wind chills and other adverse weather events is likely to impact the entirety of the State of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service predicts strong winds that could result in power outages, and given the moisture in the ground, the additional rain has potential to cause localized flooding beginning Tuesday, January 9, 2024, continuing throughout the week and into the coming weekend, 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 all 55 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 all 55 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 Eighth Day of January, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, in the One Hundred Sixty-First Year of the State.

James Justice
GOVERNOR

By the State

Mac Warner
SECRETARY OF STATE