

# STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

### A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

**WHEREAS**, storms beginning on the fifteenth day of April, Two Thousand Eighteen, and currently continuing have brought significant rainfall, saturating the ground thorough West Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, this storm system has caused rockslides, mudslides, and flooding, and has damaged homes, businesses, roads, and bridges in Barbour, Braxton, Gilmer, Lewis, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph, Tucker, Upshur, and Webster Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, certain portions of these counties have been rendered inaccessible because of public infrastructure damage and required evacuation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM JUSTICE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of West Virginia, and in view of the foregoing, do hereby **FIND AND DECLARE** that a State of Emergency exists in Barbour, Braxton, Gilmer, Lewis, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph, Tucker, Upshur, and Webster Counties of West Virginia, 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 section six, article five, chapter fifteen of the Code of West Virginia; **UTILIZED** the Emergency Operations Plan, as necessary; **ORDERED** appropriate personnel and resources to mobilize and respond to the emergency; and **DELEGATED** certain administrative powers to the Director of the West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, 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 the sixteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen, in the One Hundred Fifty-Fifth year of the State.



*Jim Justice*  
GOVERNOR

By the State

*Mac Warner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE