

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predict a major hurricane storm event, Hurricane Laura, and its resulting storms may be imminent in Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Webster, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming Counties of West Virginia, to commence on the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth days of August, Two Thousand Twenty; and

WHEREAS, significant rainfall and flooding from recent events increase the probability of immediate areal and flash flooding; and

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

WHEREAS, such flooding would cause ingress and egress into potential or actual flooded areas either especially difficult or impossible; and

WHEREAS, the forecasted rainfall has the potential to cause, among other things, flooding in rivers, streams, and creeks; dangerous driving conditions; power outages and downed electrical lines; and the toppling of trees; 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 Hurricane Laura and its resulting storms, producing a large-scale threat of major proportions, may be imminent, necessitating a State of Preparedness in Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke,

Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Webster, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming Counties of West Virginia, said State of Preparedness to remain in effect until 12:01 AM on the Thirty-first day of August, 2020, unless terminated, amended, extended, or upgraded by subsequent Proclamation. I therefore **INVOKE** the emergency powers set forth in section six, article five, chapter fifteen of the Code of West Virginia, **ACTIVATE** the Emergency Operations Center and Emergency Operations Plan, and **ORDER** appropriate personnel and resources to mobilize and prepare for the imminent emergency. Further, I hereby **DIRECT** the inhabitants of the aforementioned counties to prepare for the imminent emergency by, among other things, ensuring they have sufficient food and water for at least forty-eight hours, together with blankets, flashlights, and contingency plans in case of flooding or electrical outages. Finally, I hereby **ORDER** that it is unlawful for any person, business, or other entity to sell any food items, essential consumer items, and/or emergency supplies in a manner that violates the provisions of section three, article six-J, chapter forty-six-A of the Code of West Virginia.

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 Twenty-eighth day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty, in the One Hundred Fifty-Eighth year of the State.



James Justice
GOVERNOR

By the State

Mac Warner
SECRETARY OF STATE