

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, beginning on the tenth day of February, Two Thousand Twenty-one, a severe winter storm caused power outages and road blockages in certain western counties including Cabell, Lincoln, Putnam, and Wayne counties; and

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

WHEREAS, further severe winter storms are expected in the coming days to cause further outages and road blockages throughout West Virginia; and


WHEREAS, in accordance with my authority as Governor, I have declared a State of Emergency for Cabell, Lincoln, Putnam, and Wayne counties, and a State of Preparedness for all other counties in the State of West Virginia on the sixteenth day of February, Two Thousand Twenty-one.

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 Cabell, Lincoln, Putnam, and Wayne 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 Emergency Management Division, as necessary, to facilitate the provision of essential emergency services.

FURTHER, I do hereby **FIND AND DECLARE** that a large-scale threat of major proportions may be imminent, necessitating a State of Preparedness in Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Preston, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Webster, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming Counties of West Virginia, said State of Preparedness to remain in effect for fifteen days unless terminated 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 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 Sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-one, in the One Hundred Fifty-eighth year of the State.


GOVERNOR



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SECRETARY OF STATE