

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

At Charleston

**A PROCLAMATION**

By the Governor

**WHEREAS**, developing weather patterns suggest dangerous winter weather—including high winds, freezing rains and temperatures and other adverse weather conditions—is likely to impact the entirety of the State of West Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service predicts heavy winds, freezing rains, and dangerous wind chills beginning the evening of Thursday, December 22, 2022, and continuing 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 Emergency, 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 Emergency exists and continues throughout all 55 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 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.



By the State

**DONE** at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this Twenty-Second Day of December, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, in the One Hundred Sixtieth Year of the State.

*James Justice*

**GOVERNOR**

*Mac Warner*

**SECRETARY OF STATE**