

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

At Charleston

**A PROCLAMATION**

By the Governor

**WHEREAS**, a State of Preparedness was declared on January, 2, 2025, to prepare for developing weather patterns that suggested a significant winter storm event followed by dangerous wind chills and other adverse weather events was likely to impact the entirety of the State of West Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service now predicts heavy snow, freezing rains, dangerous wind chills, and strong winds beginning Sunday, January 5, 2025, continuing through Tuesday, January 7, 2025, and dangerous wind chills continuing throughout the week, 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 allow for the most effective response to these adverse weather 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 the emergency, as necessary; 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 Fifth Day of January, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, in the One Hundred Sixty-Second Year of the State.

  
**GOVERNOR**



**By the State**

  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**