

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, beginning on the Twelfth Day of February, Two Thousand Twenty, the National Weather Service predicts possibly two to four inches of rain across West Virginia during the next two to three days; 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, such flooding would severely impact the entire State; 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 natural disaster or 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 for thirty days unless terminated 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 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 bereunto 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 Twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty in the One Hundred Fifty-eighth year of the State.



James I. Gooden
GOVERNOR

By the State

Mrs. Warner
SECRETARY OF STATE