

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, in recognition of the hard work accomplished by the public employees of this State throughout the year 2022, and in acknowledgement of the holiday season, public employees of this State were excused from their work duties on the last half of Friday, December 23, 2022, by Proclamation issued December 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, since that Proclamation was entered, weather forecasts show developing heavy winds, freezing rains, and dangerous wind chills beginning the evening of Thursday, December 22, 2022, and continuing into the coming weekend; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the safety of the public employees of this State for each to be permitted to cease business for the entire workday of December 23, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM JUSTICE, pursuant to the foregoing and by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby **PROCLAIM** and **ORDER** that the public employees of this State may be excused from their work duties on Friday, December 23, 2022, without charge against accrued annual leave; and do further

PROCLAIM that this **ORDER** shall not affect private businesses, local governments, and other entities and individuals not employed by the State of West Virginia; nor shall it affect the work requirements of those public employees who may be called upon to safeguard the health,

safety, and welfare of West Virginia's citizenry and who will be compensated in accordance with the legislative rules established by the West Virginia Division of Personnel; however, in accordance with West Virginia Code § 2-2-1(c), county commissions may designate Friday, December 23, 2022, as time off for county employees without charge against accrued annual leave, and the courts may treat the day as if it were a legal holiday.

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 Governor

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, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth Year of the State.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James E. Justice", written in a cursive style.

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mac Warner", written in a cursive style.

SECRETARY OF STATE