## Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the Great State of West Virginia recognizes the profound impact of flooding on our communities, infrastructure, and citizens; and

Whereas, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen and community, all West Virginians are urged to work together, as a team, to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for flood disasters and emergencies; and

Whereas, fostering awareness, preparedness, and resilience is crucial to mitigating the risks associated with flooding; and

Whereas, "Flood Resiliency Week" creates a mechanism to encourage every resident of West Virginia to prepare their homes, families, businesses, and communities for flooding; and

Whereas, it is imperative to empower our citizens with knowledge and resources to enhance their ability to withstand and recover from flooding events; and

Whereas, investing in flood resiliency for ourselves, our families, businesses, and communities can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our communities and in our nation; and

Whereas, the National Weather Service, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the West Virginia State Resiliency Office, the West Virginia Emergency Management Division, West Virginia Ready, West Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, and other federal, state, local, private, and volunteer agencies are working to increase public awareness in preparing for flooding and to educate individuals on how to take action; and

Whereas, all West Virginians are encouraged to participate in building flood resilience to become more prepared.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *February 12-16, 2024* as:

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and encourage all West Virginians to develop community mitigation and recovery plans and work together toward creating a more resilient society.

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, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Second day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.

TO THE SENSE STATES

Jim Justice Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State