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NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULE DECISION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

**AGENCY:** Development Office

**RULE:** 145 CSR 15. Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Matching Funds Program

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** W. Va. Code § 5B-8-2

**DATE FILED AS AN EMERGENCY RULE:** 7/18/2019

Following review under W. Va. Code §29A-3-15a, which requires the Secretary of State to determine that the agency filing such emergency rule: 1) has not exceeded the scope of law authorizing or directing the promulgation thereof; 2) has shown that an emergency exists justifying the promulgation of an emergency rule; and 3) filed the emergency rule in compliance with W. Va. Code §29A-3-15, it is the decision of the Secretary of State that the above emergency rule is **Approved**.

It is the determination of the Secretary of State that this proposal qualifies under the definition of an emergency as defined in §29A-3-15(f):

\_\_\_\_ (1) For the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare;

X  (2) to comply with a time limitation established by the W. Va. Code or by a federal statute or regulation; or

\_\_\_\_ (3) to prevent substantial harm to the public interest.

Additional notes or comments (if any): HB 2550 passed during the 2019 Regular Legislative Session, bill necessitates the promulgation of this Rule.

Mac Warner, Secretary of State