

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**  
**At CHARLESTON**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12-17**  
**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, our state is at a crisis in dealing with the housing of individuals, adult and juvenile, both awaiting trial, and having been adjudicated; and

**WHEREAS**, our Correctional Officers numbers are less than what is safely recommended to operate the State's juvenile and adult detention and correctional facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that without proper supervision of this State's incarcerated individuals there is a danger to the citizens of the State, a danger to the public, a danger to the Correctional Officers and administrative staff, and a danger to the incarcerated individuals themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, it is understood that, with the shortage of Correctional Officers, the more tasks assigned to each Correctional Officer staff, the fewer numbers of Correctional Officers available for direct contact with inmates and residents, and to ensure the safe, secure, and orderly operations of this States' juvenile and adult detention and correctional facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the State recognizes that excessive amounts of overtime are not conducive to safe working practices and environments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary of Military Affairs and Public Safety and the Division of Personnel have worked to find a solution that helps provide the needed workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative to properly staff and control this State's juvenile and

adult detention and correctional facilities and until there is proper legislation and staffing to achieve a safe environment within our juvenile and adult detention and correctional facilities, a State of Emergency exists.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM JUSTICE,** by the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby **ORDER** that:

1. A State of Emergency exists in West Virginia as it pertains to the staffing level of our juvenile and adult detention and correctional facilities; and
2. The Secretary of Military Affairs and Public Safety is hereby empowered to develop and oversee the use of all of his Divisions, to include the West Virginia National Guard, in order to maximize the staffing at this State's juvenile and adult detention and correctional facilities until legislative and operational remedies can be developed and implemented.

**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 twenty-second day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Seventeen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Fifth year of the State.

*Jim Justice*  
**GOVERNOR**

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*Mac Warner*  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**