STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1-22

By the Governor

WHEREAS, a State of Emergency was declared on the Sixteenth Day of March, Two Thousand Twenty for all counties in West Virginia (the "State of Emergency Declaration"), to allow agencies to coordinate and create necessary measures to prepare for and respond to the outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus now known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 15, Article 5, Section 6 of the Code of West Virginia authorizes the Governor to, among other things, suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or the orders, rules of any state agency, if strict compliance therewith would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 11-21 suspended certain statutory provisions related to requiring the Commissioner of WorkForce West Virginia to collect non-fraudulent unemployment overpayments, including those distributed with Federal grant moneys intended to address employment relief during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, at this time, it is appropriate to reinstate such statutory provisions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM JUSTICE, pursuant to the authority vested in me pursuant to the provision of Chapter 15, Article 5, Section 6 of the Code of West Virginia, hereby **DECLARE** and **ORDER** that effective as of 12:01 AM, Eastern Daylight Time, on February 17, 2022, Executive Order 11-21 shall be terminated and without further effect.

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 Sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth year of the State.

GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE