

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4-25

By the Governor

WHEREAS, it is vital to the economic health and prosperity of the State of West Virginia that its administrative services be conducted on sound, efficient, and prudent basis; and that the people of West Virginia be assured of the wise use of their tax dollars, to benefit the State as a whole; and

WHEREAS, much of the federal funding that the State of West Virginia received in recent years due to the COVID-19 pandemic is no longer available and cannot be relied upon in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, there are currently a number of areas where anticipated expenditures for the 2026 fiscal year budget exceed available revenues; and

WHEREAS, the State of West Virginia must be more cognizant of its expenditures, and look for efficiencies in State government; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of West Virginia that the State government transform its operations, reduce the costs of its operations, and return the savings from those efficiencies to the citizens and taxpayers of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK MORRISEY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby **DECLARE** and **ORDER**:

1. All cabinet secretaries and department heads under the authority of the Governor to
 - a. Perform a comprehensive review of all current and planned major expenditures within fiscal year 2025—starting on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025—for all divisions, agencies, and boards within their department;
 - b. Provide a report and account of all these current and planned expenditures above \$100,000.00 to the Office of the Governor within forty-five (45) days of the issuance of this order including

- i. A detailed justification for each reported expenditure; and
 - ii. An identification of any expenditure that is not essential to the operations of the department and that should be considered for rescinding.
2. All officials, departments, divisions, agencies, boards, and employees under the authority of the Governor to cooperate with the cabinet secretaries and department heads in the performance and fulfillment of this order.

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 Fourteenth Day of January, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five in the One Hundred Sixty-Second Year of the State.

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GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE

