

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5-25

By the Governor

WHEREAS, the powers of the State government derive from the people of West Virginia and can only be rightfully exercised by their will and appointment; and

WHEREAS, the people of West Virginia have entrusted the government of the State with the proper and efficient use of public funds; and

WHEREAS, every official, department, division, agency, board, and employee under the authority of the Governor has a responsibility to be a proper steward of the public funds entrusted to them; and

WHEREAS, inefficient and wasteful spending of public funds betrays the people of West Virginia's trust in their State government; and

WHEREAS, developing a more efficient and streamlined State government will better utilize public funding, more appropriately serve the people of West Virginia, and significantly improve the general welfare 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 **DIRECT** and **ORDER**:

1. All cabinet secretaries and department heads under the authority of the Governor to:
 - a. Perform a comprehensive review of their departments to identify areas of inefficiency or wasteful spending in the operations of each agency and board therein;
 - b. Report the findings of that review to the Office of the Governor within sixty (60) days of the issuance of this Order;
 - c. Propose a plan to address the areas of inefficiency and waste identified in the reports submitted under Section 1.b. of this Order and to streamline operation of each division, agency, and board within their department, including proposals for any

statutory and regulatory changes needed to effectuate that plan, within one hundred (100) days of the issuance of this Order; and.

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.



Patrick Morley

GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE