

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8-25

By the Governor

WHEREAS, there are a significant number of unexpired executive orders from prior governors of the State of West Virginia in the State Journal; and

WHEREAS, many of these executive orders from prior governors addressed historic circumstances but are no longer present; and

WHEREAS, the existence of a significant number of outdated but unexpired executive orders may unduly confuse and burden government officials' attempts to comply with existing executive orders; and

WHEREAS, it may facilitate government officials' compliance with the directions of the Office of the Governor if old, outdated, and currently unnecessary executive orders are rescinded; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of West Virginia to simplify and streamline the State's administrative framework so that individuals and businesses can understand the laws, rules, and orders in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of West Virginia vests "chief executive powers" of the State in the Governor and entrusts the Governor to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed." W. Va. Const. Art. VII, § 5 (1872).

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** that:

1. The General Counsel of the Office of the Governor to:
 - a. Initiate an immediate review of the unexpired executive orders in the State Journal;
 - b. Identify any old, outdated, or currently unnecessary executive orders that remain in effect; and

- c. Make recommendations to the Governor regarding which unexpired executive order in the State Journal may be rescinded.
2. All officials, departments, divisions, agencies, boards, and employees under the authority of the Governor to cooperate with the General Counsel for the Office of the Governor in identifying old, outdated, or currently unnecessary executive orders that may be rescinded.

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 Morong

GOVERNOR

Kris Warner

SECRETARY OF STATE