

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**At Charleston**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10-25**

**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, on January 20, 2025, President Donald J. Trump issued an Executive Order entitled Securing Our Borders to “protect the American people from the disastrous effects of unlawful mass migration and resettlement”; and

**WHEREAS**, in that Executive Order, President Trump noted that “[d]eadly narcotics and other illicit materials have flowed across the border” over the past four years; and

**WHEREAS**, in that Executive Order, President Trump also noted that under the prior presidential administration, “critical resources” were diverted “away from stopping the entry of contraband and fugitives into the United States” and instead, spent on “processing illegal aliens for release into the United States”; and

**WHEREAS**, in that Executive Order, President Trump charged the federal government with “cooperating fully with State and local law enforcement officials in enacting Federal-State partnerships to enforce Federal immigration priorities”; and

**WHEREAS**, in that Executive Order, President Trump recognized the need to “marshal all available resources and authorities to stop this unprecedented flood of illegal aliens into the United States”; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 20, 2025, President Trump also issued an Executive Order entitled Protecting the American People Against Invasion, which recognized that the prior presidential administration “invited, administered, and oversaw an unprecedented flood of illegal immigration into the United States” in “violation of longstanding Federal laws”; and

**WHEREAS**, in that Executive Order, President Trump found that “[m]any of these aliens unlawfully within the United States present significant threats to national security and public safety”; and

**WHEREAS**, in that Executive Order, President Trump further found that enforcing “immigration laws is critically important to the national security and public safety of the United States”; and

**WHEREAS**, in that Executive Order, President Trump directed federal law enforcement officials to “protect[] the American people by faithfully executing the immigration laws of the United States”; and

**WHEREAS**, West Virginians have suffered greatly from the open border policies of the prior presidential administration and the resulting influx of deadly drugs into West Virginia’s neighborhoods and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, last year alone, the vast majority of the overdose-related deaths in West Virginia were caused by fentanyl which was trafficked across the southern border; and

**WHEREAS**, the law enforcement agencies of the State of West Virginia can provide valuable support and assistance to President Trump in implementing these federal immigration policies; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest that the State’s law enforcement officers cooperate fully with President Trumps initiatives to secure the nation’s borders and stop the flood of deadly drugs into the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of West Virginia vests “chief executive powers” of the State in the Governor, entrusts the Governor to “take care that the laws be faithfully executed,” W. Va. Const. art. VII, § 5 (1872), and makes the Governor the chief law enforcement officer of the State. *Manchin v. Browning*, 170 W. Va. 779, 786, 296 S.E.2d 909, 916 (1982).

**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 law enforcement entities of the State of West Virginia, including but not limited to the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security, the West Virginia State Police, the West Virginia Division of Corrections, and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, to:
  - a. Fully cooperate with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and other federal law enforcement agencies’ implementation of President Trump’s

Executive Orders Securing Our Borders (Jan. 20, 2025), and Protecting the American People Against Invasion (Jan. 20, 2025); and

- b. To the maximum extent permitted, enter into agreements under 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g) with the United States Government, as found necessary and appropriate, to perform the functions of immigration officers in relation to the investigation, apprehension, or detention of individuals illegally or unlawfully present in the United States.
2. All officials, departments, divisions, agencies, boards, and employees under the authority of the Governor are further **DIRECTED** and **ORDERED** to cooperate with the law enforcement entities of the State of West Virginia in the implementation 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 Thirtieth Day of January, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five in the One Hundred Sixty-Two Year of the State.



**GOVERNOR**



**SECRETARY OF STATE**

