

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2026, I, Governor Patrick Morrisey, declared a State of Preparedness due to a significant winter storm event that is expected to impact the State throughout the upcoming weekend; and

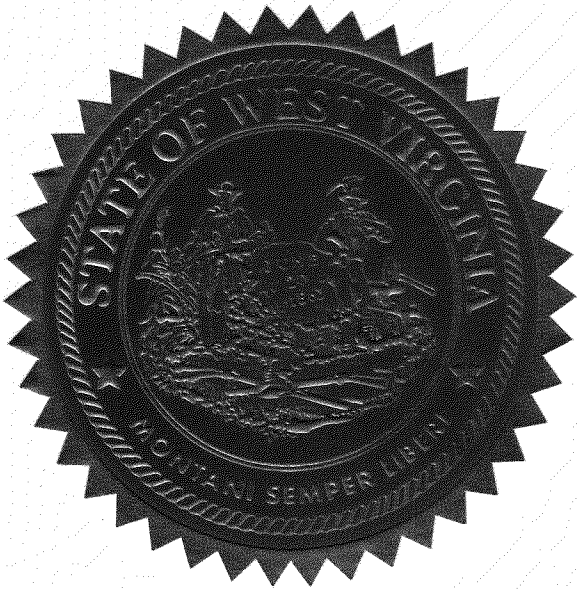
WHEREAS, the National Weather Service predicts heavy mixed precipitation, snow accumulations between nine to twelve inches, ice accumulations around two tenths of an inch beginning Saturday, January 24, 2026, continuing throughout the weekend and ending Monday, January 26, 2026, and extremely low temperatures continuing throughout the weekend and into next week, all posing a threat to the health, safety, welfare, and property of the citizens of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to West Virginia Code Section 15-5-6, and in accordance with my authority as Governor, it has been deemed necessary and beneficial to declare a State of Emergency for all 55 counties of the State of West Virginia to prepare for such adverse conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK MORRISEY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, and in view of the foregoing, do hereby **FIND AND DECLARE** that a State of Emergency exists in all 55 counties and that said State of Emergency is to remain in effect for thirty days unless terminated by subsequent Proclamation. In response to this State of Emergency, I have **INVOKED** the emergency powers set forth in West Virginia Code Section 15-5-6; **UTILIZED** the Emergency Operations Plan, as necessary; **ORDERED** appropriate personnel and resources, as may be deemed necessary, to mobilize and respond to the emergency; and **DELEGATED** certain administrative powers to the Director of the West Virginia Emergency Management Division, as necessary, to facilitate the provision of essential emergency services.

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 Twenty-Third Day of January, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, in the One Hundred Sixty-Third Year of the State.



PATRICK MORRIS
GOVERNOR

By the State

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SECRETARY OF STATE