

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, beginning on July 18, 2026, a storm system produced severe thunderstorms and heavy rain in Barbour County, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, rainfall in certain areas of Barbour County overwhelmed streams, creeks, drainage systems, and transportation infrastructure, causing flooding, washing out bridges, damaging water lines, and creating road closures in the affected area; and

WHEREAS, it is apparent that the effects of the storm pose a severe and continuing threat to the health, safety, welfare, and property of the citizens of Barbour County; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with my authority as Governor, it has been deemed necessary and beneficial to declare a State of Emergency, pursuant to West Virginia Code § 15-5-6, for Barbour County.

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 and continues in Barbour County, West Virginia, 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 § 15-5-6; **UTILIZED** the Emergency Operations Plan, as necessary; **ORDERED** appropriate personnel and resources to prepare to mobilize and respond to any emergency that may develop; 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
Nineteenth Day of July, in the Year of our
Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, in the One
Hundred Sixty-Fourth Year of the State.



By the State

Patrick Morisy

GOVERNOR

Kris Warner

SECRETARY OF STATE