

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, beginning on July 21, 2026, a series of storm systems began moving across West Virginia, which may produce severe thunderstorms, damaging winds, torrential rainfall, flash flooding, landslides, and the possibility of tornados; and

WHEREAS, excessive rainfall in some locations may overwhelm streams, creeks, drainage systems, and transportation infrastructure, causing flooding, and road closures throughout the affected area; and

WHEREAS, the effects of these storms may pose a severe and continuing threat to the health, safety, welfare, and property of the citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with my authority as Governor, it has been deemed necessary and beneficial to declare a State of Preparedness, pursuant to West Virginia Code § 15-5-6, for all fifty-five counties of this State.

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 Preparedness exists and continues in all fifty-five counties of this State, and that said State of Preparedness is to remain in effect for fourteen days unless terminated by subsequent Proclamation. In response to this State of Preparedness, 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 Twenty-First 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

Krist Warner
SECRETARY OF STATE