STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, beginning on the Fourteenth day of April, Two Thousand Seven, heavy sustained rains have caused flooding, flash-flooding, river flooding, mudslides, landslides, disrupted transportation, downed trees and the potential for additional severe weather and is likely to cause considerable damage to private and public property throughout the State of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, this storm and its effects may require the rescue of citizens, evacuations and sheltering of the public and poses a severe threat to the health, safety, welfare and property of the citizens of West Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOE MANCHIN III, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, and in consideration of the foregoing situation, do hereby **ORDER** the implementation of the State's Emergency Operations Plan and the activation of the State's Emergency Operations Center. In addition, I also **FIND AND DECLARE** that a State of Emergency exists throughout the State of West Virginia. This State of Emergency shall remain in effect for thirty days unless extended or rescinded by further Proclamation.

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 Fifteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Seven, in the One Hundred Forty-fourth year of the State.

GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE