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## A RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE COUNTY COMMISSION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN MONROE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, DUE TO HISTORIC FLOODING EVENTS OCCURRING ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025.

WHEREAS, on Saturday, February 15th, 2025, Monroe County, West Virginia, experienced historic flooding caused by heavy rainfall and severe weather conditions, resulting in widespread damage throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, the flooding has caused significant property damage, disrupted critical infrastructure, and posed a serious risk to public health and safety, displacing residents and straining local emergency response and recovery resources; and

WHEREAS, local law enforcement, fire departments, emergency medical services, and other public safety agencies have been working tirelessly to rescue affected residents, provide shelter, and ensure the safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, the extent of the flooding continues to hinder access to affected areas, complicating recovery efforts and exacerbating damage to homes, businesses, and essential public services; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of a State of Emergency will enable Monroe County to access additional resources, including state and federal assistance, and expedite efforts to address the ongoing disaster and assist residents in need; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Commission is empowered under West Virginia Code §15-5-6 to declare a State of Emergency in response to natural disasters, such as the flooding event of February 15, 2025, to protect the welfare of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MONROE COUNTY COMMISSION:

- That the Monroe County Commission hereby declares a State of Emergency in Monroe County, West Virginia, due to the historic flooding event that occurred on February 15, 2025.
- That the State of Emergency shall remain in effect for a period of 7 days, or until such time as the Monroe County Commission determines the conditions warrant an extension or termination of the emergency declaration.
- That the Monroe County Office of Emergency Management is authorized and directed to take all necessary steps to coordinate the response and recovery efforts in the aftermath of the flooding, including providing shelter, conducting damage assessments, and coordinating with state and federal agencies for additional assistance.
- 4. That Monroe County residents are urged to heed all warnings, advisories, and directives from local emergency management and public safety authorities to protect their lives and property during the ongoing response and recovery operations.



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- That the Monroe County Commission hereby requests the assistance of the West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the Governor of West Virginia, and federal agencies, including FEMA, to provide the necessary resources, funding, and support to aid in the recovery and mitigation of damages caused by the flooding.
- 6. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of West Virginia, the West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the West Virginia State Police, and any other relevant state and federal agencies as required for further coordination of response and recovery efforts.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Monroe County Commission this 16th day of February, 2025.

Kevin Galford, Commissioner

Attest,

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