

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
OFFICES OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
JANE L. CLINE, COMMISSIONER**

**09-EO-08**

**IN THE MATTER OF: Proclamation of Insurance Emergency by Governor Joe Mahchin III,  
dated December 21, 2009.**

**EMERGENCY ADJUSTER ORDER**

**NOW COMES JANE L. CLINE**, Insurance Commissioner (hereinafter “Commissioner”) for the State of West Virginia, by virtue of the authority vested in her pursuant to West Virginia Code Section 33-12B-11a, who does **FIND and DECLARE** as follows:

**WHEREAS**, beginning the eighteenth day of December, two thousand nine, a severe winter storm caused considerable snow, disrupted transportation, downed trees and power lines and caused considerable damage to private and public property throughout the State of West Virginia;

**WHEREAS**, the storm left many people stranded without power, heat or other necessities;

**WHEREAS**, the effects of the storm pose a severe and continuing threat to the health, safety, welfare and property of the citizens of West Virginia;

**WHEREAS**, on the nineteenth day of December, two thousand nine, Governor Joe Manchin III declared that a State of Emergency exists in the State of West Virginia;

**WHEREAS**, it is the opinion of the Commissioner that the damage to private and public property as a result of the severe winter storm is reasonably likely to produce a volume of claims that significantly exceeds the number of claims normally arising throughout the State of West Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the opinion of the Commissioner that the number of licensed adjusters in the State of West Virginia is inadequate to properly meet the demand of the public during the emergency situation.

**IT IS THEREFORE DECLARED** that an insurance emergency exists throughout the State of West Virginia.

**ACCORDINGLY IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Commissioner authorizes the licensing of sufficient emergency adjusters to meet the demands of the public throughout the State of West Virginia;

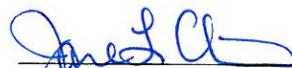
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that adjusters issued emergency licenses pursuant to this order shall be supervised by an adjuster licensed in this state or by an insurance company authorized to do business in this state;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that registration shall be by letter to the Commissioner by the supervising adjuster or insurance company within twenty (20) days of the date on which the non-licensed person begins adjusting activity in connection with the emergency situation;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that such registration is valid for ninety (90) days from the date of the registration letter; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that an extension may be requested by the supervising adjuster or insurance company.

**ORDERED** this 21st day of December 2009.



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Jane L. Cline  
Insurance Commissioner of the  
State of West Virginia