

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
OFFICES OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
MICHAEL D. RILEY, COMMISSIONER**

**16-EO-02**

**IN THE MATTER OF: Severe Storm on April 28, 2016.**

**EMERGENCY ADJUSTER ORDER**

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

**WHEREAS**, on the twenty-eighth day of April, two thousand sixteen a severe thunderstorm containing high winds and significant hail caused considerable damage to private and public property located in Wood, Grant, Taylor and surrounding counties in West Virginia;

**WHEREAS**, immediately following the storm, there was an initial influx of property damage claims largely involving hail damage;

**WHEREAS**, there continues to be a steady influx of new claims being reported daily for Homeowners’ and Commercial property damage resulting from the storm as homeowners and property owners discover property damage;

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that there will continue to be newly reported claims in the coming weeks from this storm;

**WHEREAS**, it is the opinion of the Commissioner that the severe storm, high winds and significant hail occurring on April twenty-eighth, two thousand sixteen are reasonably likely to produce a volume of claims that significantly exceeds the number of claims normally arising in the affected counties; 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 in Wood, Grant, Taylor and surrounding counties in West Virginia;

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Commissioner authorizes the licensing of sufficient emergency adjusters to meet the demands of the public in the aforementioned counties;

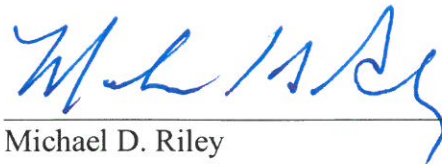
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that adjusters issued emergency licenses pursuant to this order shall be supervised by an adjuster licensed in this state or by an insurance company authorized to do business in this state;

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2016.



Michael D. Riley  
Insurance Commissioner of the  
State of West Virginia