

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
OFFICES OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
ALLAN L. MCVEY, COMMISSIONER**

17-EO-02

**IN THE MATTER OF: Proclamation of State of Emergency by
Governor Jim Justice, dated July 29, 2017**

EMERGENCY ADJUSTER ORDER

NOW COMES ALLAN L. MCVEY, 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, beginning on the twenty-eighth day of July, two thousand seventeen a severe storm containing significant rainfall and wind caused considerable damage to private and public property located in Harrison, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Taylor, Tucker and Wetzel Counties, West Virginia;

WHEREAS, this severe storm event has caused rockslides, mudslides and flooding, and has damaged homes, businesses, roads and bridges in Harrison, Marion, Marshall Monongalia, Ohio, Taylor, Tucker and Wetzel Counties, West Virginia;

WHEREAS, on the twenty-ninth day of July, two thousand seventeen Governor Jim Justice declared that a State of Emergency exists in Harrison, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Traylor, Tucker and Wetzel Counties, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Commissioner that the severe storm event beginning on the twenty-eighth day of July, two thousand seventeen is reasonably likely to produce a volume of claims that significantly exceeds the number of claims normally arising in the affected counties.

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 Harrison, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Traylor, Tucker and Wetzel Counties, 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 2nd day of August, 2017.


Allan L. McVey
Insurance Commissioner of the
State of West Virginia