



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston experienced near record rainfall throughout August 16, 2026, resulting in severe flooding and widespread property damage to City roads, infrastructure, and properties; and

WHEREAS, assessment, cleanup, and repair of the damage caused by these floods will be ongoing for months with cost estimates in the millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of West Virginia declared a statewide State of Emergency as a result of prior flooding, and has confirmed that State of Emergency continues to be in effect and applicable to the flooding events over the past 24 hours; and

WHEREAS, I have continuously reviewed the situation, consulted with City Department Directors, Emergency Management Officials, Public Health Officials, and other state and local governmental officials in order to determine the need for this proclamation; NOW, THEREFORE

I, AMY SHULER GOODWIN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, pursuant to the authority granted in West Virginia Code §15-5-1, et seq., and Charleston Municipal Code §42-81, et seq., that the flooding event of August 16, 2026 created an existing and threatened state of emergency, endangering the lives, safety, health and property of the people within the City of Charleston.

I hereby declare to all persons the existence of this state of emergency and, in order to more effectively protect the people and property within the City, effective upon the signing of this proclamation, I will be exercising the authority granted to me in West Virginia Code §15-5-1, et seq., and Charleston Municipal Code §42-81, et seq., through the issuance of executive orders, emergency policies, and through the use and direction of City personnel, services, and equipment, to perform acts necessary for the management of this state of emergency.

I further delegate to the City Manager and the City Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management the same authority granted to me in West Virginia Code §15-5-1, et seq., and Charleston Municipal Code §42-81, et seq., to issue such emergency policies and direct City personnel, services, and equipment to perform acts necessary for the management of this state of emergency, including but not limited to the emergency purchasing authority provided in Charleston Municipal Code §§2-461(d) and 2-471(d).

Upon execution, this proclamation shall be filed with the City Clerk and a copy shall be sent to the Kanawha County Commission and the Governor of West Virginia. This proclamation and

any executive order or emergency policy issued under the authority of this proclamation shall be available on the City of Charleston website.

This proclamation shall be in effect until I issue a subsequent proclamation rescinding the existing and threatened state of emergency.

DATED this 17th day of August, 2026



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Amy Shuler Goodwin", is written over a horizontal line.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor
City of Charleston, West Virginia