

SENATE RESOLUTION 49

(By Senators Phillips, Z. Maynard, Rucker, and Rose)

[Introduced February 24, 2026]

1 Commending the many volunteers for their extraordinary service in the recovery efforts of the May
2 2025 flood at Chief Logan State Park.

3 Whereas, In May 2025, several areas within Chief Logan State Park, located in the great
4 State of West Virginia, were impacted by devastating flash flooding that damaged park facilities,
5 infrastructure, and the natural beauty of this treasured public resource; and

6 Whereas, In the face of this adversity, the people of Logan County, West Virginia, along
7 with neighbors from across the region, demonstrated the true meaning of the “Mountaineer Spirit”
8 by responding with immediate action and unwavering compassion; and

9 Whereas, Numerous volunteers, including community organizations, faith-based groups,
10 student bodies, private citizens, and public officials, selflessly dedicated their time, labor, and
11 resources to the cleanup and recovery efforts, including Hatfield & McCoy Trails Executive
12 Director Jeffery Lusk; Deputy Executive Director John Fakeke; Doug Killen of the West Virginia
13 Division of Highways; Tug Valley High School student Jayden Hannah; Mark Hatcher of Superior
14 Pocahontas; West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Cabinet Secretary Harold
15 Ward; West Virginia State Senator Rupie Phillips; Nathan Brada, General Manager of Coronado
16 Coal; Leonard Nicholas, Superintendent of Coronado Coal; Derrick Lambert of Superior
17 Pocahontas; Logan County Commissioners Eric Porter, Diana Barnette, and Billy Dickerson; City
18 of Logan Mayor Serafino Nolletti; City of Logan Fire Chief Scotty Beckett and Chris Hatfield, Fire
19 Fighter; the staff of Chief Logan State Park; and Randall Vance of Vance Construction; and

1 Whereas, These individuals trudged through mud and debris, cleared blocked waterways,
2 removed fallen trees, restored damaged facilities, and worked tirelessly under challenging and
3 often dangerous conditions to rehabilitate the park; and

4 Whereas, The collective efforts of these volunteers not only accelerated the physical
5 restoration of Chief Logan State Park but also provided hope, encouragement, and solidarity to
6 those who suffered significant loss; and

7 Whereas, This selfless service embodies the highest ideals of civic duty and underscores
8 the resilience, strength, and unity that define the Mountain State; therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Senate:*

10 That the Senate hereby commends the many volunteers for their extraordinary service in
11 the recovery efforts of the May 2025 flood at Chief Logan State Park; and, be it

12 *Further Resolved,* That the Senate expresses its profound gratitude and highest
13 commendation to the volunteers who assisted in the cleanup and recovery following the floods of
14 May 2025; and, be it

15 *Further Resolved,* That the Senate recognizes that the true strength of West Virginia lies in
16 its people and their willingness to stand together in times of crisis; and, be it

17 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to
18 the volunteer organizations and local emergency management offices.