

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing was established by the West Virginia Legislature in 1989 to aid West Virginians; and
- Whereas,** West Virginians served by the Commission include those who use American Sign Language as a primary means of communication, as well as those with a range of hearing loss who benefit from the use of assistive listening devices, such as hearing aids; and
- Whereas,** House Concurrent Resolution 104 recognizes the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students' Bill of Rights; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing maintains a registry and public directory of qualified American Sign Language interpreters in West Virginia and coordinates the state testing system for interpreters; and
- Whereas,** the Commission partners with multiple state agencies, the West Virginia Association for the Deaf, the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, Hands and Voices, and American Sign Language interpreters; and
- Whereas,** the Commission and its' partners improve to work the services offered to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community in West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** *West Virginia Deaf Awareness Day* promotes awareness of West Virginia's Deaf and Hard of Hearing community, Deaf culture, American Sign Language, and availability of specialized services.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 9, 2022* as:


Deaf Awareness Day

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State