

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** according to the CDC, 1 in 8 couples have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy; and
- Whereas,** The World Health Organization and American Medical Association define infertility as a disease; and
- Whereas,** Infertility affects women and men equally and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status or socioeconomic level; and
- Whereas,** the LGBTQ community also faces challenges when building their families; and
- Whereas,** family building options include adoption and medical treatment, such as in vitro fertilization and third-party reproduction; and
- Whereas,** cost and lack of insurance coverage are barriers for many in West Virginia to access the family building option they need; and
- Whereas,** raising awareness of infertility and the barriers faced by the family building community is the first step to removing these barriers.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *April 24-30, 2022* as:

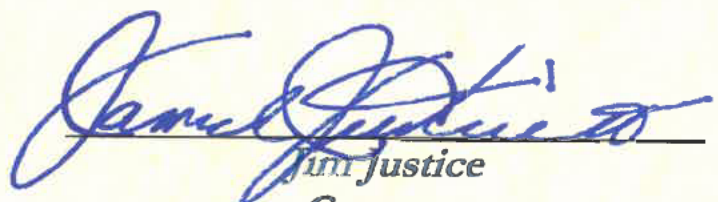
National Infertility Awareness Week

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 Fifteenth day of March, 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