

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** all over the United States, May 24 is recognized as Charles Taylor Day, a day honoring aviation maintenance technician from all around the world; and
- Whereas,** Charles Edward Taylor was born on May 24, 1868, and in 1902 began working as a machinist for Orville and Wilbur Wright at the Wright Cycle Company in Dayton, Ohio. Using only a metal lathe, drill press, and hand tools, Charles Taylor built, in 6 weeks, the 12-horsepower engine that was used to power the Wright brothers' first flying machine; and
- Whereas,** Charles Edward Taylor's ingenuity earned him a place in aviation history when the Wright brothers successfully flew their airplane in controlled flight on December 17, 1903; and
- Whereas,** Charles Taylor had a successful career in aviation maintenance for more than 60 years and was honored by the Federal Aviation Administration with the establishment of the Charles Edward Taylor Master Mechanic Award, which recognizes individuals with 50 years or more of aviation maintenance experience; and
- Whereas,** the safety of the flying public is ensured, and the integrity of the aircraft airworthiness is personally guaranteed by individuals who comprise the professional aviation maintenance technician workforce. The duties of aviation maintenance technicians are critical to United States Homeland Security and an integral component of our Nation and West Virginia's aerospace industry; and
- Whereas,** Charles Taylor has become a hero to aircraft maintenance technicians worldwide and to honor this date will advance public appreciation for the significant and vital contributions of aviation maintenance technicians; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia's airports, along with growing aviation and aerospace companies located across the State are a significant economic engine for West Virginia and have created thousands of lucrative jobs for West Virginians; and
- Whereas,** the important FAA certified Aviation Maintenance Technician training and aerospace programs are growing and increasing in West Virginia's institutions including the Pierpont Community and Technical College, offering associate degree programs in aviation technology; and
- Whereas,** Marshall University anticipates offering an associate degree in Aviation Maintenance Technology in collaboration with Mountwest Community and Technical College, pending final FAA approval, has an anticipated start date of Fall 2022; and
- Whereas,** New River Community and Technical College is planning for the development of a third Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certified Aircraft Maintenance Technician School and anticipates opening in 2023; and
- Whereas,** together these three institutions are poised to create the FAA certified skilled labor force necessary to successfully manage the needs of the growing aerospace industry all over West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia Department of Economic Development has Aerospace as a target industry sector in West Virginia and the continued growth of the aviation and aerospace industries in West Virginia has resulted in the economic development of billions of dollars; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia's aviation and aerospace industries will continue to be integral to supporting economic development across the state for years to come.

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

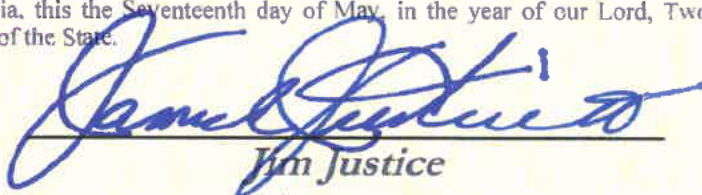
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


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 Seventeenth day of May, 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