

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** there are nearly 300 million vehicles in operation and today's motor vehicles are highly complex with more advanced technology than ever before; and
- Whereas,** increasing vehicle complexity requires specialized tools and highly trained professionals to perform more and more vehicle repairs; and
- Whereas,** there are more than 1,000,000 men and women employed as maintenance and repair technicians at general repair shops, vehicle dealerships and service stations across the U.S.; and
- Whereas,** these automotive service professionals perform essential service to the American motoring public, keeping their vehicles in safe dependable operating condition; and
- Whereas,** these professionals must continue to keep up-to-date on ever-evolving vehicle systems and technologies to effectively perform vehicle maintenance and repairs; and
- Whereas,** the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) helps car owners easily identify automotive professionals who have proven themselves to be competent and knowledgeable; and
- Whereas,** the process to become ASE Certified requires qualified work experience and passing a challenge test for each certification; and
- Whereas,** ASE certified technicians are required to prove their technical knowledge by retesting every 5 years to keep their certification; and
- Whereas,** in the state of West Virginia there are 951 professionals who have earned ASE certification; and
- Whereas,** ASE is celebrating 50 years of independent certification of skilled, knowledgeable automotive service professionals.

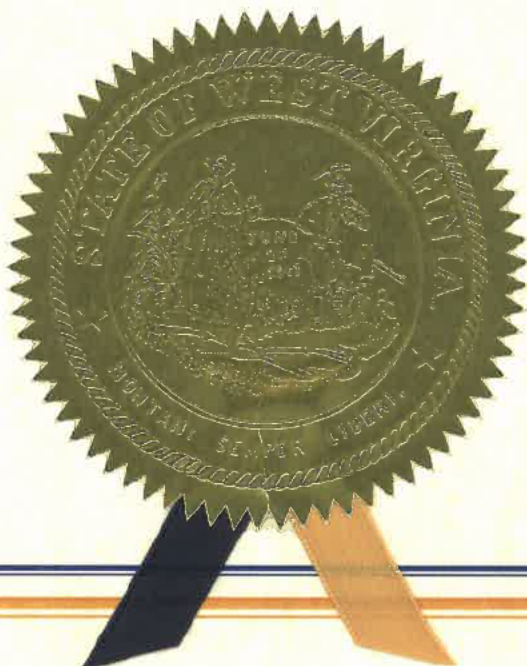
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *June 2022* as:

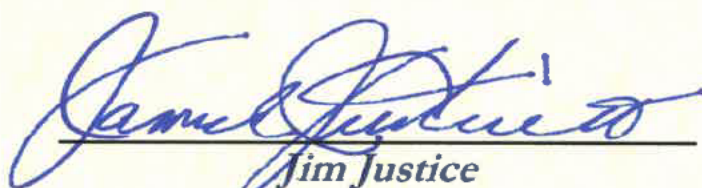
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

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 Twenty-Fifth 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