Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, a brain aneurysm is a weak, bulging area in an artery in the brain, analogous to a thin balloon or a weak spot on a tire's inner tube; and

Whereas, approximately 1 in 50 people in the United States have an unruptured brain aneurysm, and an estimated 30,000 Americans suffer a ruptured brain aneurysm in any given year; and

Whereas, while unruptured brain aneurysms typically have no symptoms, warning signs may include blurred or double vision, a drooping eyelid, a dilated pupil, weakness, numbness, and pain above or behind one eye; and

Whereas, brain aneurysms are often only discovered once they have ruptured, resulting in the sudden onset of symptoms that may include a severe headache, nausea, a stiff neck, sensitivity to light, seizure, confusion, and more; and

Whereas, approximately 15 percent of ruptured aneurysms result in death before the affected individual is able to reach a hospital, underscoring the importance of seeking immediate medical attention at the first sign of a possible rupture; and

Whereas, early and accurate diagnoses are essential to ensuring proper treatment and preventing death or permanent neurological damage from ruptured brain aneurysms.

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

Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month

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 August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.

James Justice

Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner
Secretary of State