

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men; and
- Whereas,** the American Cancer Society estimates there will be 268,490 new cases of prostate cancer in the United States in 2022, resulting in an estimated 34,500 deaths; and
- Whereas,** it is estimated 1,550 men in West Virginia will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2022 and, it is estimated 190 West Virginian men will die from this disease; and
- Whereas,** Black men in the United States and the Caribbean have the highest documented prostate cancer incidence rates in the world; and
- Whereas,** early prostate cancer usually has no symptoms and studies suggest strong familial predisposition may be responsible for 5 to 10 percent of the disease cases; and
- Whereas,** late-stage prostate cancer commonly spreads to the bones, which can cause pain in the hips, spine, ribs, or other areas in the body; and
- Whereas,** the five-year survival rate approaches 100 percent when prostate cancer is diagnosed and treated early, but drops to 30 percent when it spreads to the other parts of the body; and
- Whereas,** the American Cancer Society recommends men should have an opportunity to make an informed decision about whether to be tested for prostate cancer based on their personal values and preferences; and
- Whereas,** prostate cancer treatment decisions should be based on clinician recommendations as well as patient values and preferences.

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

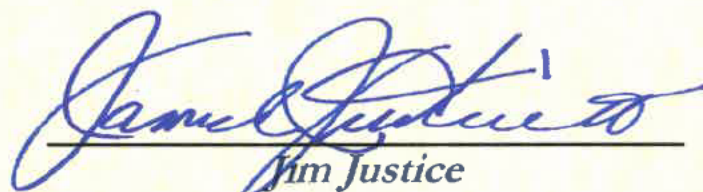
## *Prostate Cancer Awareness Month*

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



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State