

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** Blue Star Families seeks to empower military families by connecting them with their neighbors — individuals and organizations — to create vibrant communities of mutual support; and
- Whereas,** Blue Star Families annually designates the week beginning the last Saturday in September and concluding eight days thereafter as “*Blue Star Welcome Week*”; and
- Whereas,** during this week, we recognize the 600,000 active-duty and transitioning military families who move to new communities each year; and
- Whereas,** nearly half of these permanent change of station (PCS) moves occur during the summer; and
- Whereas,** only 30% of military family respondents to the 2021 Military Family Lifestyle Survey reported that they feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community; and
- Whereas,** a sense of belonging is essential to the well-being and readiness of military families; and
- Whereas,** we commit to ensuring that military- and Veteran-connected families feel a strong sense of belonging to their local civilian communities; and
- Whereas,** we express gratitude for the sacrifices made by service members, transitioning Veterans, and their families.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 24 – October 2, 2022* as:

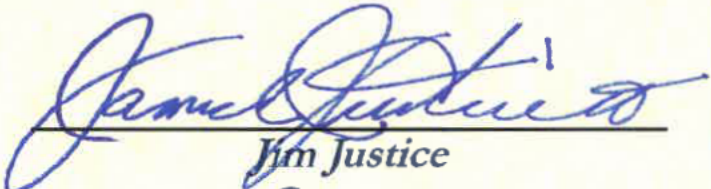
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


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 Twentieth day of September, 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