

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

**Whereas,** pharmacists are the most accessible health care providers delivering critical services to patients and contributing to the health and well-being of all people; and

**Whereas,** pharmacists are best positioned to be the health care provider that ensures optimal medication therapy outcomes, and helps to ensure patients are adherent to their medications; and serve as providers during public health emergencies; and

**Whereas,** as front-line providers throughout the healthcare system and community during the COVID-19 pandemic, pharmacists and pharmacy personnel have ensured the public is cared for, even at the risk of exposure; and

**Whereas,** with a community pharmacy located within five miles of nearly all Americans, pharmacists and pharmacy personnel are making an impact to control the spread of COVID-19 in U.S. communities through testing, treatment, and vaccination efforts; and

**Whereas,** pharmacists are ideally suited to work collaboratively with other health care providers and helping patients overcome illness and live healthier lives through chronic disease management and the fully effective use of their medicines; and

**Whereas,** today, there are over 300,000 licensed pharmacists providing care and serving as patient advocates for ensuring access to the best and safest therapy to the patients they serv; and

**Whereas,** the American Pharmacists Association, they have declared October as *American Pharmacists Month*.

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

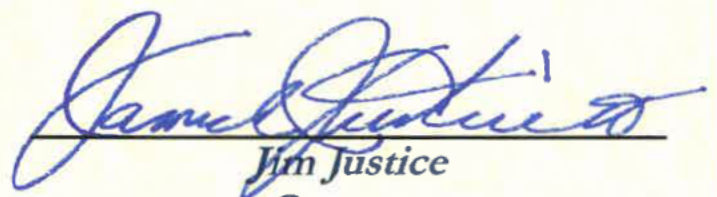
## *American Pharmacists Month*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance to acknowledge the valuable services of pharmacists to provide safe, accessible, affordable, and beneficial patient care services and products to all residents and protect the public health of our communities.


**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