

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

**Whereas,** there are an estimated 100 million Americans affected by liver disease. Most people are unaware that the risk factors for liver disease include diabetes, heart disease and obesity; and

**Whereas,** there are many kinds of liver diseases and conditions, the most common are hepatitis viruses, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), autoimmune diseases, genetic conditions, alcohol-related liver disease, cancer, and others. Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) causes excess fat to build up in the liver; and

**Whereas,** research estimates that fatty liver disease is present in up to 75% of overweight people and in more than 90% of people with severe obesity. NAFLD has become the most common form of childhood liver disease in the U.S., more than doubling over the past 20 years; and

**Whereas,** nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) is a dangerously progressive form of NAFLD in which patients have inflammation of the liver and liver damage, in addition to excess fat; and

**Whereas,** NASH is expected to become the leading cause of liver transplantation in the United States between 2020-2025. Therefore, it is critical that attention be brought to this often-overlooked health crisis; and

**Whereas,** the Month of October is *National Liver Awareness Month* and the American Liver Foundation is calling on all West Virginians to participate in raising awareness of liver disease which affects approximately 100 million Americans.

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

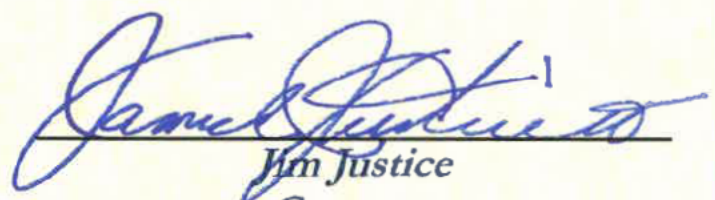
## *National Liver Awareness Month*

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 Twentieth 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